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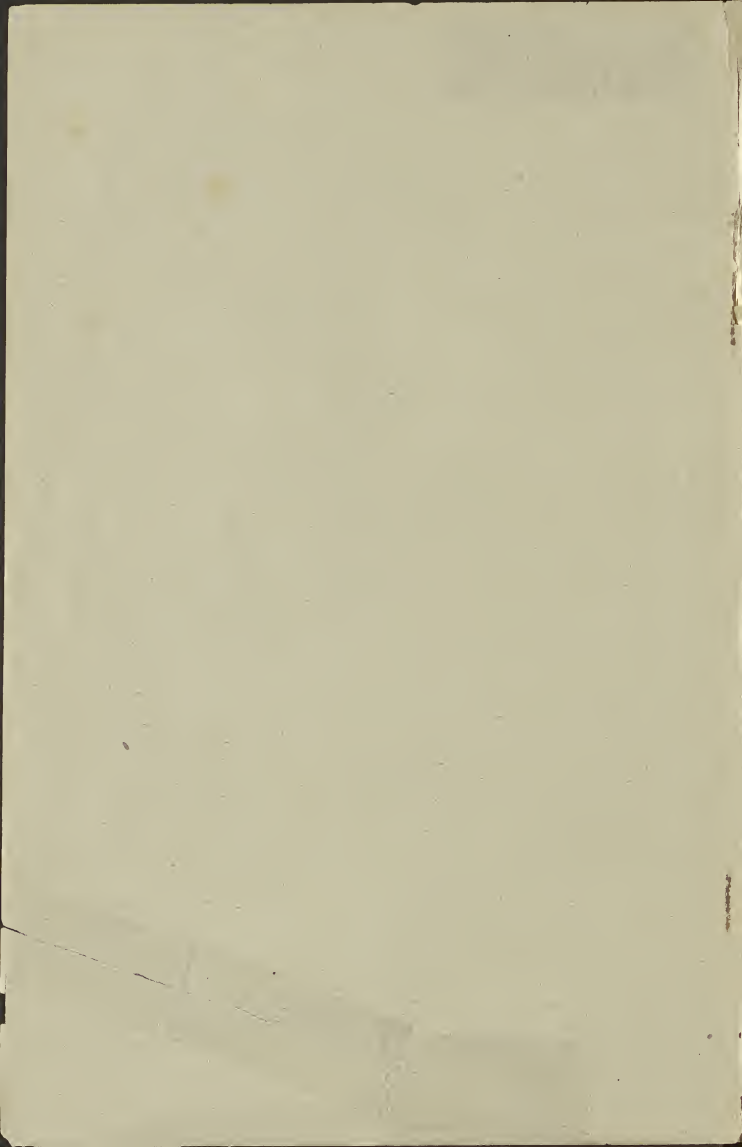
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Constitution of the Convention.

ARTICLE 1. The name of this Convention shall be THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

ART. 2. The design of this Convention shall be to promote the cause of Christ by fostering feeble churches, supplying destitute places with the Gospel, aiding in the missionary enterprise, and circulating the Word of God.

ART. 3. This Convention shall consist of delegates from the Baptist churches in Connecticut of the same faith and order as the present associated Baptist churches. Each church may be represented by its pastor and one delegate; and each church of more than one hundred members, by its pastor and two delegates; each church of more than two hundred members, by its pastor and three delegates; each church of more than three hundred members, by its pastor and four delegates; each church of more than four hundred members, by its pastor and five delegates. No church shall be entitled to more than five delegates besides its pastor; *provided, however*, that if a church has no pastor it may send a delegate in his place; and every church having a Sunday-school connected therewith may elect and send an additional delegate to represent the Sunday-school.

ART. 4. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Statistical Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and as many trustees as the Convention may direct, not exceeding thirty-three, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business during the recess of the Convention. These officers shall be *ex officio* members of the Board of Trustees, and shall be elected annually; the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, by ballot; and the others in such manner as the Convention shall prescribe. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention and of the Trustees; in his absence, the Vice-President; and in the absence of both, a President *pro tem*. The Secretary shall keep an account of the proceedings, and act as Superintendent of Missions, if requested by the Convention. The Treasurer shall take charge of all funds received, and keep a separate bank account of such moneys. He shall report to the Trustees when required, and annually to the Convention. The Trustees shall meet at the call of the Secretary, and at such times as may be deemed necessary, for the transaction of business, and shall make all needed appropriations.

ART. 5. The Convention shall meet annually, on such day in October, and at such place and hour, as may be appointed, by a vote of the body, and its business shall be transacted agreeably to such rules and arrangements as the Convention may adopt.

ART. 6. This Constitution may be amended only at an annual meeting and by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Arrangement of Business.

1. The Convention shall meet on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in October, at 11 o'clock A. M., and the morning shall be allotted to the business of organization, receiving and entering the names of delegates, hearing the reports of the Board, Treasurer, etc.; election of officers, appointment of committees, and other miscellaneous business, if time shall allow.

2. Tuesday afternoon shall be devoted to the consideration of Domestic Missions.

3. The Annual Sermon before the Convention shall be preached on Tuesday evening.

4. Wednesday forenoon shall be devoted to the Education Society.

5. Wednesday afternoon shall be occupied with Home and Foreign Missions, and other objects contemplated by this Convention.

6. Thursday forenoon, if necessary, shall be devoted to unfinished and miscellaneous business.

Things to be Specially Remembered.

LEGACIES.

FORM OF A LEGACY.—I also give and bequeath to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION *dollars, land, houses, or other property,* for the purpose of the Convention, as specified in the Act of incorporation. And I hereby direct my executor or executors to pay said sum to the Treasurer of said Convention, taking his receipt for it, within months after my decease. [If *real estate* is devised, describe the *premises* with exactness—both lots and buildings.]

FOR THE BUILDING FUND.—I give and devise to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION, *money, lands, houses, bonds—as the case may be—* for the Building Fund, to aid in procuring or paying for suitable Houses of Worship for Mission Churches.

A similar form will answer for THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY. Only be careful to specify the name.

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING.

All churches sending delegates to the Convention are bound, by their obligations to God and their brethren, to make annual contributions to its Treasury, and none, large or small, ought in any case, to fail in this important duty. They are requested to be very particular and exact in their appointment of delegates and designation of funds, and see that these funds are placed in the Treasury, and published in the Minutes of the Convention.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Quarterly reports of their condition, financial and religious, ought to be made to the Secretary of the Convention, by the pastors and clerks of all churches aided.

Applications for aid must be made by the formal action of the church seeking it, signed by the clerk or pastor, with a plain statement of their condition and wants, to be submitted to the Board.

Appropriations shall be withheld from churches which neglect to make contributions to the four following objects: State Missions, the Education Society, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions; and the evidence of such contributions shall be the books and reports of the Treasurers.

No moneys ought to be credited to Domestic or State Missions which were not placed in the Treasury of the Convention for that purpose.

 All statistics respecting *members* and *finances* ought to be precise and accurate.

Read the Constitution.

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

HARTFORD, CONN., TUESDAY, Oct. 20, 1885.

The Sixty-second Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Baptist Convention was held in the First Baptist Church on the above date. The Convention was called to order by the President, W. S. Bronson, Esq., at precisely 10.30 o'clock, and the hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," was announced and sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. W. V. Garner, D.D., of Bridgeport. The President addressed the delegates, speaking of the need of the influence of the Holy Spirit, that the windows of Heaven might be opened and a great blessing poured out, calling on two or three of those present to continue in prayer that this object might be accomplished, which was complied with by Revs. E. C. Miller of Plainville, and Kittridge Wheeler of Hartford.

After the reading of the Constitution of the Convention by the Secretary, another hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," was sung, and Rev. Lester L. Potter, the pastor of the church by which we were entertained, welcomed the Convention in a few well-chosen words, of which the following is a synopsis:

After referring to changes which have taken place during an absence from the State of ten years, he said: I welcome you. 1. Because of the memories which you awaken of boyhood days. Subtile, mysterious, wonderful, the working within us of the law of association. Familiar lines in faces here bring back all of childhood. 2. In behalf of my church. You know better than I her work and labor of love. 3. In behalf of our King, whose kingdom is everlasting. Christ's hand will hold the scepter the more securely because of the nail print. Illustrations difficult to report, followed, showing the relation of Christ's humility to his exaltation, and the Christian's conflict to his final victory.

The Committee of Arrangements submitted a program, which

was adopted. The President appointed Revs. W. B. Vassar, H. P. Smith, and D. Dewolf as a Committee on Credentials.

The Report of the Board was read by the Secretary. The following is the

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Dear Brethren : Your Board have endeavored to discharge with fidelity the duties entrusted to them, and herewith present to you a report of their doings and of what, by God's blessing, has been accomplished during the year.

The work has been carried on without the services of any regularly employed secretary, as in former years. Bro. Hanna, our efficient and indefatigable secretary for several years past, retired from the service at the opening of the conventional year. We have therefore depended upon the gratuitous services of other officers and friends to secure the requisite funds for prosecuting the work. The President, brother Bronson, the Recording Secretary, brother Elizur Cook, and the Treasurer, brother James Lockwood, having taken upon themselves the burden of the work, have rendered most efficient service, of which the Board desires to make special mention.

Although the year has not been one of financial prosperity among the people at large, yet the contributions from the churches and Sunday-schools will compare favorably with those of the preceding years. It is therefore a matter for congratulation and of thanksgiving to God, that we are able to present to you a report full of encouragement and hopefulness, and trust that in our deliberations we shall lay larger plans for the future.

Since the adjournment of the Convention the Board has held three sessions—January 12th at New Haven, April 13th at South Norwalk, and July 13th at Niantic. The Executive Committee also held two sessions—both in Hartford—October 20, 1884, and February 16, 1885. At these meetings reports were read from the churches needing assistance, and from our missionaries, and grants made to those churches making application if in conformity to our rules. The churches assisted were: Bantam, College Street, Memorial of Hartford, North Colebrook, South Colebrook, German of New Britain, Cornwall Hollow, East Killingly, Plainville, White Hills, Shelton, Salem, Poquonnoc Bridge, New Canaan, Ledyard, Tolland, New Hartford, Sterling, Spring Hill, Mt. Calvary of Norwich, Tariffville, Rowayton—22 churches. The special tabulated report of the President will show the amount paid to each.

The special work this year has been the effort to raise \$1,500 to assist the church at Rockville to build. The heartiness with which all entered into the plans proposed by the President at the meeting of the Board at Niantic, and sanctioned by the Bible School Union at their Convention at Crescent Beach, encouraged the officers in what had been to them a source of anxiety as to how it should be done. Reports from 52 schools and individuals return \$639.27 as the result of this effort.

THE DEAD.

But it is fitting that we pause here in this report to recall those whose absence from our assemblage will be a prolonged and eternal one. A number who have labored side by side with us for years in endeavoring to give the Gospel to every human soul, especially within the limits of this commonwealth, have gone to their rest and reward. They wrought faithfully and well in the midst of many discouragements in the earlier history of our Convention. Suitable mention will be made of these individually in an obituary report; but it is not out of place that we here recall such veterans in the service as Elder Jabez S. Swan, and brother Charles Willett.

It is doubtful if two men are living to-day in the State who have done more among the people of the outlying districts by way of reaching them with Gospel truth. Unlike each other in constitution and temperament, in methods of thought and work, yet each in his own sphere most efficient under God in sowing and reaping.

Elder Swan labored in many of our churches as an evangelist, and thus endeared himself to very many people of the State. He drew crowds from the rural districts who seldom heard the Gospel. He had a brilliant imagination, a fund of wit and humor, which made his preaching attractive. He had a fearlessness in denouncing public wrongs and private sins which often drove men to madness only to bring them to Christ. There was such pathos and tenderness in his appeals, such gentleness and sweetness in his prayers, such sympathy with the sorrowing, that no words can give any adequate conception of the power of the man. The sweet fragrance of the memory of this man of faith and power and Christian heroism, comes to us to-day as an inspiration.

Rev. Charles Willett was another true man of God. The Gospel he preached gave no doubtful or uncertain sound. He clung tenaciously to the old ways. He believed in them, lived in them, and died in them, and who will say they were not ways which the Gospel endorses. That peculiarity of his in holding and preaching with unflinching fidelity the truth as he received it fifty years ago, constituted him a link in that chain which binds us to the past generation. He stood, as a granite column stands in the open sea against which the agitated waves have beat for half a century, unmoved by the restless changes of popular opinions.

Besides these, others not less worthy of mention have departed during the year: Revs. Joseph Ballard and O. B. Rawson — good and true men who have a large place in the hearts of those who knew them.

It may not be out of place to mention here the death of Deacon George T. Hope, of New York City, known to many of us as the president of the Baptist Publication Society and of the New York Baptist Social Union.

Thus it is that the bravest soldiers fall in death, the ranks close up and we march on, and may it be to gain larger conquests for our Lord and Master.

CHANGES.

We have received as pastors from without the State—Revs. D. L. Crafts to Essex, Kittridge Wheeler to South Church in Hartford, Lester L. Potter to First Church in Hartford, I. F. Stidham to New Britain, I. R. Wheelock to Main Street in Meriden, S. G. Hastings to Jewett City, G. F. Genung to Huntington Street in New London, R. Pegrum to Plainfield Union, G. H. Kemp to Easton, J. W. Searll to Andover, F. F. Spencer to New Hartford, D. Taylor to East Lyme, H. H. Johnson to Emanuel Church in New Haven.

Those who have removed from the State are Revs. T. E. Busfield from Fair Haven, J. Conklin from Easton, F. B. Dickinson from First Norwich, A. S. Gumbart from South Norwalk, E. S. Merwin from Haddam, Dr. N. W. Miner from Groton Bank, J. G. Ross from Emanuel Church in New Haven, O. C. Sargent from Jewett City, R. H. Sherman from East Killingly, J. N. Shipman from Moosup, C. C. Smith from Branford, W. N. Walden from Montville, and C. Colman from E. Washington Ave. in Bridgeport.

The changes in the State have been—Revs. J. A. Bailey from Rowayton to Branford, L. Smith Brown from Rockville to Westford, W. H. Burlew from Rainbow to 2d Waterford, A. J. Chandler from Clinton to Mystic, E. S. Hill from Montwese to Sterling, C. W. Potter from Sterling to Rowayton, J. W. Richardson from Huntington Street in New London to Waterbury, A. A. Robinson to North Ashford, A. B. Tefft from 2d Waterford to Spring Hill, A. J. Wilcox from Mystic to Noank, B. J. Savage from Tariffville to Tolland.

There have been four ordinations—J. J. Cooper, Cromwell; E. S. Holloway, Greeneville; E. J. Bosworth, Montville; Wilson R. Terry at New Canaan.

For a large portion of the year we have had three missionaries in the field—Rev. T. Clafford among the Swedes, laboring in New Britain, Waterbury, Hartford, Portland, Meriden, Bristol, New Haven, Bridgeport, Danbury, Georgetown, and Ansonia; and Rev. S. Kornmaier among the Germans in Waterbury, Seymour, and that vicinity. Bro. Clafford says in his report, in summing up the labors for the year: "My experience as a missionary on this field has been very varying—bright, as in the autumn of last year and the winter of the present year, when it pleased the Lord to give power to His Word so that several souls were converted and added to our mission; gloomy, as in the summer, when people in general preferred outside amusement to listening to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now again are we witnessing how the Holy Spirit is doing a good work among my people, and several have been converted, most of whom we also expect to baptize very soon." He reports 225 sermons and addresses delivered, 65 prayer-meetings, 291 persons and families visited, 624 pages tracts distributed, 10 added to the mission by baptism, besides a large number of meetings and much work which cannot be reported.

"Two and a half years ago only three Swedish Baptists were to be found in the neighborhood of New Britain, and now they number nearly forty, sustaining two sewing circles whose object is to promote the preaching of the Gospel."

In Bro. Kornmaier's field there are about 2,000 Germans in Waterbury, and 100 families in Seymour. During the year he has baptized nine persons, preached 161 sermons, and made 462 visits. His work is highly endorsed by Dea. A. J. Shipley of the Board, and Henry F. Sanford, the clerk of the Waterbury church. His congregations are fifty to sixty in Waterbury, and forty to fifty in Seymour.

Rev. W. C. Walker remained at Rockville until May 1st, when he was relieved at his own request, his health having failed; since that time Bro. A. S. Brown, a lay preacher, has been stationed there, to the acceptance of the church and the executive officers.

ITEMS.

The interests of the Swedish church in Bridgeport are being looked after by the First and East Washington Avenue churches.

The church at East Bridgeport has become self-sustaining, and no longer asks for our financial help, but assists in helping other churches.

The church at South Norwalk have completed one of the handsomest and most convenient church edifices to be found in the State, but owing to the hard times caused by the hatter's strike, asked to be excused from entertaining the Convention this year.

New Hartford has continued to thrive, called Rev. F. F. Spencer to the pastorate, and, with the aid which the Convention can afford to give, and which it is willing to give, to those that make an effort to help themselves, hopes in the near future to become strong enough to go alone. The brethren there evidently believe that "nothing succeeds like success." They are desirous of building a new parsonage immediately.

The power of the Holy Spirit as manifested in the conversion of souls has been felt in several of our churches, among which may be mentioned Union of Mystic, 61 having been baptized, Waterbury 72, Bristol 29, German of New Britain 23, First of New Britain 13, South Colebrook 5, Memorial of Hartford 10, Grand Street of New Haven 14, First Waterford 71, First East Lyme 51, Second East Lyme 17, Montville Union 68.

Mention has been made of our missionary churches. We would call attention to a few that should be given special support because of their location and the work to be done. These are Rockville, Mt. Calvary of Norwich, Shelton, Rowayton, New Hartford, German of New Britain, Messiah of Bridgeport.

Reports have been received from 13 of these churches showing a gain of 77; and from 9 showing a loss of 49; making a gain of 28 in 22 churches. In some of these there is a constant falling off in membership each year. Can we afford to let these churches die? Or, would it not be

a blessing to the poor pastors, who, because of the necessity placed upon them to preach the Gospel, feel it their duty to remain, if the church should cease to exist and they thereby be relieved from the struggle of endeavoring to keep their own bodies and souls together as well as feeding their congregations with the Word of Life? Some of these churches are thankful for the assistance given by the Convention, but in others the idea seems to be prevalent that the favors should come from the Convention, while nothing should be expected from them simply because they have always been helped.

In the report of the Board for 1874, this language was used by the lamented Turnbull, then Secretary: "In carrying on our work certain things have occurred to us deserving serious consideration. It is found, for example, that a church here and there, fallen into the ruts of bad usage, counts so steadily upon the appropriations furnished by the Convention that its giving power, so far from increasing, is found to be diminishing or utterly dying out; and the moment, therefore, this amount is withheld or diminished, so far from meeting the exigency by united effort and sacrifice, the pastor is liable to be dismissed; possibly the idea is indulged of ceasing to contribute to the funds of the Convention, shutting up the church, or doing some other foolish or desperate thing."

"There is not among us a church, however poor, which by imitating the primitive churches, would not at once double, aye, quadruple its contribution; for the Apostle testifies of those churches, influenced by the grace of God, which is ever a grace of giving, both on His part and on ours, that in a time of severe affliction, 'the abundance of their joy and deep poverty abounded to the riches of their liberality, so that, to their power, yea and beyond their power' they accomplished a miracle of giving, unprecedented in this history of the church."

The 126 churches report additions by baptism, etc., 1,210, removals 1,029; making an increase in membership over last report of 181.

In closing our report we would express devout thankfulness to Almighty God for His leading in all the past of our history, asking for His blessing upon our present deliberations, and guidance in the future.

We would call especial attention to the address of the President.

which was adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes.

The Treasurer, Bro. James Lockwood, presented his report, of which an abstract was read, and the report ordered printed. (See p. 32.)

After singing, "My faith looks up to Thee," the President read, and commented upon, the following tabulated statement:

STATEMENT OF GRANTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE CONVENTION YEAR,
OCTOBER 1884, TO OCTOBER 1885.

	Grants.	Paid.	Due.
Rev. W. C. Walker, salary to May 1,.....	\$495.50	\$495.50	0
“ T. A. T. Hanna, balances,.....	305.00	305.00	0
“ S. Kornmaier, salary,.....	300.00	300.00	0
“ L. Smith Brown,.....	25.00	25.00	0
“ H. P. Smith,.....	320.00	320.00	0
E. H. Bickford, salary,.....	133.00	133.00	0
A. S. Brown, services,.....	73.00	73.00	0
The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co., printing,.	226.00	226.00	0
James Lockwood, loan,.....	717.38	717.38	0
Rev. T. Clafford, salary,.....	325.00	325.00	0
Mary A. Hall, bequest,.....	32.20	32.20	0
Norwich First church, special,.....	30.00	30.00	0
Rowayton church,.....	100.00	100.00	0
Spring Hill church,.....	45.00	45.00	0
Sterling church,.....	40.00	40.00	0
Ledyard church,.....	20.00	20.00	0
Willington church, bequest,.....	100.00	100.00	0
Shelton church,.....	150.00	150.00	0
Poquonnoc Bridge church,.....	60.00	60.00	0
German church, New Britain,.....	100.00	100.00	0
Mansfield church, bequest,.....	50.00	50.00	0
East Killingly church,.....	60.00	60.00	0
North and South Colebrook churches,.....	70.00	70.00	0
New Hartford church,.....	130.00	130.00	0
Mt. Calvary church, Norwich,.....	50.00	50.00	0
Tolland church,.....	75.00	75.00	0
“ “ bequest,.....	51.60	51.60	0
East Bridgeport church,.....	90.00	90.00	0
Cornwall Hollow church,.....	60.00	60.00	0
Tariffville church,.....	75.00	75.00	0
Plainville church,.....	75.00	75.00	0
Colchester and Salem churches,.....	40.00	40.00	0
New Canaan church,.....	125.00	125.00	0
White Hills church,.....	60.00	60.00	0
Expense account,.....	77.80	77.80	0
	\$4,686.48	\$4,686.48	

Our condition, financially, at our last annual report, October, 1884, was this:

Due the Treasurer, money borrowed, . . .	\$339.63
“ Rev. T. A. T. Hanna, . . .	305.00
“ Rev. W. C. Walker, . . .	45.00
“ E. H. Bickford, . . .	33.00
“ Rev. H. P. Smith, . . .	20.00
“ South Colebrook church, . . .	10.00
“ Mt. Calvary church, Norwich, . . .	30.00
	\$782.63
Cash on hand, . . .	62.89
	\$719.74

1883-4.	Cash received from churches and individuals,	.	\$3,554.48
1884-5.	" " " " " "	.	3,714.16
	Difference,	.	\$159.68
	Total receipts from all sources in 1883-4,	.	\$6,530.64
	Deduct loan,	.	1,000.00—5,530.64
	Total receipts from all sources in 1884-5,	.	\$5,432.25
	Deduct loan,	.	400.00—5,032.25
	Total expenditures for 1883-4,	.	\$6,467.55
	Less paid on loan,	.	700.00—5,767.55
	Total expenditures for 1884-5,	.	\$4,686.48
	Less paid debts and loan,	.	1,119.74—3,566.74
	Expenses in 1884-5 less than in 1883-4,	.	\$2,200.81
	Cash on hand October 12, 1885,	.	747.77

In his comments, the President said:

WELCOME TO MINISTERS.

I esteem it a great pleasure in being permitted to welcome as members of this Convention the pastors that have become residents in the State of Connecticut since the last annual meeting. I welcome you to all the joys and sorrows of our Domestic Mission work; and may your labors be abundant in season and out of season for the replenishing of the Lord's treasury and the salvation of men.

THE CHANGE IN THE DIRECTION OF MISSION WORK.

One year ago the Board of the Convention declined to renew the office of Superintendent of Missions, and appointed the President and Secretary to the oversight of our whole mission work, including the raising of funds to carry on the work. The report of the Board and of the Treasurer will indicate how well this has been accomplished, but it will never give a sign of the labors necessary to its success, neither will it open to the mind of the denomination the anxieties that pressed upon those having this burden laid upon them; but, blessed be the Lord, He cares for His own work and gives it success.

I should say just here that great credit is due those brethren in the various Associations that assisted us in our collections.

RECEIPTS.

Our entire receipts for the year have been	\$5,434.35
Expenditures,	4,686.48
Cash on hand,	\$747.77

Cost of collections, including salary of Secretary, \$225.00. Two things ought to be noticed in order to a complete understanding of the sources of income. The Convention usually receives from \$500 to \$800 income

each year from a farm it owns in Illinois, but owing to a change in the mode of working it we have received nothing the past year. To offset this we have received from the bequest of Edward Bolles \$833.33.

THE TREASURY.

The treasury is very much embarrassed in the early part of the year from the fact that nearly all the giving churches send in their contributions in the latter part of the year; and then the churches are not very methodical in this matter: for instance, we will say twenty churches gave in June of last year; we figure up the amount they gave and depend upon that amount this year for current expenses, but we find only ten churches gave this year in June, and so the treasury is unable to meet its indebtedness. Some remedy should be provided. The best plan that suggests itself to me is for the churches to divide up into sections or months, commencing with November, and each section devote its contributions sacredly to Domestic Missions in the month designated for it.

APPEAL TO PASTORS.

During the past year I have of necessity made frequent and urgent appeals to pastors to forward their donations promptly to the Treasurer; yet although I have been, in my communications, treated with consideration, yet many of the churches have not sent to me a "kid with which to make merry with my friends," as will be attested when I affirm that over forty of the one hundred and twenty-six churches in our State have given nothing the past year for Domestic Missions. All should do something for our State work.

IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED.

Brethren, we are all in this Convention taking part in its deliberations, at which I rejoice; but ought not this to bind us so closely together in our church union and interests that we should bear each other's burdens with joy, each church feeling an individual responsibility for the pecuniary support necessary to our success as a denomination in the State.

FAITHFUL MISSIONARIES.

It is deserving of record that the Rev. W. C. Walker for many years has been a faithful laborer in Domestic Mission work, but is now laid aside by feeble health. May the Lord speedily restore him.

THE SMALL CHURCHES.

As the report of the Board shows you, the Convention has assisted twenty-two churches the past year, and we can report satisfactory results in nearly all of them, but we especially note the New Hartford church as making wonderful progress in view of the difficulties at has had to contend with. Rockville is also showing signs of making itself felt for good in our denomination at no distant day.

FRENCH MISSIONARY.

I feel compelled to call the attention of the denomination again, as I did last year, to the imperative obligations resting upon us to provide the means of grace according to the direction of the Divine Word for the thousands of French people living in the eastern part of the State.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

In speaking of this branch of church work I could hardly, if I tried, overestimate its influence and importance, as it is composed of the youth and vigor of the churches. Show me a wideawake Bible school and I will show you a church with which it is connected continuously giving the hand of fellowship to precious redeemed ones. The church and the school ought to be one in all Christian labor and giving. Let us no longer feel that the church has an interest in one direction and the school in another, but let us realize that the school and the prayer-meeting are the potent arms of the church by which we as the people of God shall go forth conquering and to conquer. All of this to be an aid to the preaching of the glorious gospel from the pulpit.

The way to accomplish great success in building up Sunday-schools and trebling their numbers and usefulness is to appoint a State Sunday-school worker who shall devote his entire time to strengthening and increasing the membership of the schools already established and the organizing of new schools at every available point. Let us only succeed in arousing the enthusiasm of the children and youth in the great work of taking Connecticut for Christ, and our success will be marvelous. This Sunday-school missionary scheme is not an untried plan. The Convention adopted it in 1873 and continued it for six years, during which time our school membership increased from thirteen to twenty thousand.

AID RECEIVED.

In closing, I desire to acknowledge gratefully the donation the past year of \$300 from the Ladies' Home Mission Union of New Haven in support of our Swedish missionary.

On motion of Rev. H. P. Smith, a committee of two from each association was appointed by the President to nominate officers of the Convention for 1885-6. The following were named: From New Haven Association, Rev. T. S. Samson, Rev. A. E. Reynolds; from Fairfield County Association, Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., Rev. W. V. Garner, D.D.; from Hartford Association, J. L. Denison, Rev. D. Dewolf; from New London Association, Rev. P. A. Nordell, Rev. G. F. Genung; from Stonington Union Association, W. H. Potter, Rev. E. Dewhurst; from Ashford Association, Rev. J. R. Stubbett, Rev. G. W. Holman.

After singing, the session was closed with the benediction.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 20th.

The Convention was called to order promptly at 2.30 o'clock by the President, and the hymn "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun" was sung, with Rev. G. F. Genung of New London, at the organ. Prayer by Rev. P. A. Nordell of New London. The committee appointed at the session in the forenoon to nominate officers for the ensuing year presented, through their chairman, the following names:

For *President*, W. S. BRONSON of Hartford.

" *Vice-President*, Rev. G. H. MINER of Mystic River.

" *Secretary*, ELIZUR COOK of Hartford.

" *Treasurer*, JAMES LOCKWOOD of Hartford.

" *Auditor*, G. F. DAVIS of Hartford.

Report accepted, and J. J. Shepard of Hartford, C. P. Ives of Meriden, and Rev. J. J. Cooper of Cromwell, were appointed Tellers.

The election was ordered, and on motion the Secretary was authorized to cast the ballot of the Convention for W. S. Bronson for President. Rev. T. S. Samson was, on motion, authorized to deposit the ballot of the Convention for the other officers named, when the nominees were declared unanimously elected as the officers of the Connecticut Baptist Convention for 1885-6.

Sang the hymn, "Now begin the heavenly theme."

The President announced the following Committees:

On Enrollment — Rev. H. P. Smith, Rev. D. Dewolf, Rev. W. B. Vassar.

On Nomination of Trustees — James L. Howard, Rev. A. E. Reynolds, Rev. E. Lathrop, D.D., Rev. J. P. Brown, W. H. Potter, Rev. Geo. W. Holman.

On New Churches — Rev. J. R. Stubbett, Rev. G. F. Genung, Rev. E. Dewhurst, E. H. Plant, A. J. Crofut, Rev. H. P. Smith.

On Sunday-schools — Rev. C. A. Piddock, Rev. F. L. Knapp, Rev. R. Pegrum, Rev. E. S. Holloway, J. G. Snelling, Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D.

On Temperance — Rev. G. H. Miner, Rev. B. W. Lockhart, J. P. Merrow, T. W. Potter, Rev. C. W. Potter, J. W. Manning, Rev. A. E. Reynolds.

On Obituaries — Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., Rev. I. R. Wheelock,

Rev. E. P. Bond, Rev. P. A. Nordell, Capt. E. Morgan, Rev. A. A. Robinson.

On Next Anniversary—Rev. J. W. Richardson, Rev. L. L. Potter, Rev. W. V. Garner, Rev. Thomas Terry, L. Wilcox, Dr. Fred. Rogers.

Rev. T. S. Samson of New Haven, read the report of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, and it was ordered printed in the Minutes:

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

We read, "If the human family are equally divided, male and female, there are five hundred millions of girls and women who have never had a chance to hear the name of Jesus. Imagine them in unbroken procession, one by one, passing your door for thirty successive years; two seconds you look into the face of each one, and yet the long file moves on. One steady tramp for thirty years of women to be saved or lost." And as they move steadily on, can we not hear from many of their aching, burdened hearts, this piteous cry:

"Our journey in life is a weary waste,
Our death is a starless night,
We are dying by millions, O sisters haste,
To bring us that glorious light."

To-day closes another year in which we have been permitted by our dear Lord to share in labor for these perishing ones; and we have never been more deeply impressed than we are now, with the responsibility, magnitude, importance, and privilege of this work. Its responsibility—the Saviour's command to each one of us, "Go teach all nations." Its magnitude—millions of souls in need of pardon who have never heard of the Redeemer. Its importance—a message of eternal life to the dying; news of salvation to the perishing. Its privilege—the approval of the Master; the joy of the redeemed, and blessings untold to our own souls.

The record of the past year is now closed, and forever. What have we wrought for the Master, and the weary, waiting souls pleading for light? So far as reported, our contributions for Connecticut during the conventional year is \$4,143.35. This includes \$877.16 from the Mission Bands, and a special thank-offering from the New Haven Conference. There are some tokens of advance that have greatly cheered our hearts. For a long time we have prayed that the Master would qualify and call some of the young women from our own State to labor personally on the foreign field. Our petition has now been answered, and two dear sisters, present with us to-day, have heard the Master's call, and said, "Here am I; send me." Miss Bond, the faithful Secretary of the Hartford Association, will, in a few weeks, go to labor among the wild Garos of Assam. Miss Kolman of Middletown, who has for years been striving to prepare for this work,

will leave early next month for Japan. With the song of praise and thanksgiving we offer for the answer thus given to our petition, there is mingled a note of tenderness and love, as we bid adieu to these dear sisters, who go forth in our stead, to tell the heathen of a Saviour's love, and to endure the separation from home and country, with the trials that must be theirs in those darkened lands. Let us never forget that they go in our place, and that it is our duty and privilege to aid them by our prayers and offerings, and comfort them with our sympathy and love. Is it too much to ask, dear sisters of Connecticut, that we assume, in addition to the pledges we have already made to others, the support of these missionaries whom the Lord has called from our own State, to this great work? Can we not the coming year enlist the women in our churches, who have not as yet had any share in our work, to now have a part with us, and thus increase our contributions so that the needed amount will be fully given?

Fifteen public meetings connected with our work in this State have been held the past year. The annual meetings of the Hartford, New Haven, and Southeastern Conferences were seasons of great interest and spiritual influence.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECRETARIES.

Miss Bessie Hancox of the Stonington Union Association, is earnestly striving to increase the interest in her field.

Mrs. J. R. Stubbert, Secretary of the Ashford Association, gratefully reports the largest contribution that Association has ever given to our society.

Mrs. J. B. Hoyt, who has so faithfully served the Fairfield Association as their secretary, has been greatly cheered in her prayerful efforts, by sure tokens of advance. She writes: "We are thankful and happy to tell you that the amount received in the Fairfield Association by the Woman's Foreign Mission Society, is the largest since 1880, amounting to \$739.37." It is encouraging to see in these two associations, made up so largely of the smaller churches, this increase of offerings and interest.

Mrs. Dent of the New London Association writes, that their chief encouragement is in the Mission Bands. The Hartford Association offer this year a precious gift to the cause of missions, as they send their loved Secretary, Miss Bond, to Assam. In addition to their support of Miss Watson of Bassein, they have made a gift of medical books to Miss Payne of Burma. The New Haven Association are grateful for the continued untiring services of their secretary, Miss Twiss. Miss Kolman goes from this association to Japan. Miss Gage and Mrs. Douglass are supported by the New Haven Conference. Miss Sheldon of Burma, by the Mission Bands of our State. Fifty Mission Bands have been reported this year. The Mission Band of Stamford, is under the wise leadership of Mrs. J. B. Hoyt, who has spared no pains to teach them their duty to Christ and the heathen, and to acquaint them with various missions and missionaries. During the past summer this band has sent weekly to the Flower Mission for the sick poor in New York, baskets of bouquets of fresh flowers, thus cheering the needy at home, while also sending blessings abroad.

Miss Gage, who returned last year from Burma on account of severe illness, is now, after many months of great suffering, slowly but steadily recovering.

Mrs. Douglass of Rangoon, is engaged both in medical work and in labor for the Kemendine Girl's School. She writes: "Some are waiting for baptism. Sixty members of the school are members of the Church and partake of the communion." Sixty converted heathen girls at the table of our Lord! Miss Gage, now in this country, says of this same school: "The day is not only begun and ended with religious instruction and prayer, but there is a Bible class every hour the school is in session, besides one evening in the week given wholly to Bible study, there are the weekly prayer-meetings and the Sabbath full of precious teachings. We have a most excellent band of assistant teachers, all girls that were pupils in the school, earnest, faithful Christians every one."

Miss Watson is still faithful at her post in Bassein, and is much encouraged in her labors.

Miss Sheldon of Maulmain, endures the heavy burdens of the Morton Girl's School, and rejoices in the conversion and baptism of a number of the pupils. And as our dear young friends from whom we part to-day, enter their distant fields of labor, let us be grateful, that in Burma, Assam, and Japan, we have those who are in some respects our representatives, but while we take these dear missionaries into our hearts and prayers, we must not forget that *all*, the missionaries and the heathen in every land, have a claim on us for our prayers and help.

I cannot close this report without tenderly alluding to the loss we have sustained in the death of our beloved co-worker, Mrs. J. S. Eaton of Hartford. For many years she has been united with us in prayer and labor. She was a wise counselor, greatly honored and beloved by all who knew her. Her strong Christian faith and devoted consecration to her Saviour, with her ardent love for the cause of missions, and her earnest prayers have left an influence that cannot die. Very precious is the memory of her beautiful life, and we rejoice to-day in her joy as she meets in that glorious home above many of those converted heathen for whom she prayed. We all hope to have part in the song of redeeming love. Will any from heathen lands join in that song with us, for whom *we* have labored and prayed?

"Jesus, Redeemer, we come to Thee!
Our hands and our voices we bring!
To tell of Thy love, till a ransomed world
Shall crown Thee her Saviour and King."

Mrs. S. M. WHITING, *State Secretary.*

After singing another hymn, "Hail to the Lord's anointed," Rev. J. R. Stubbett of Putnam, offered the following:

Resolved 1. That the requirements of the Divine law put all Christians, of every name, under lasting obligation sacredly to observe the holy Sabbath, as well as to regard the needs of their fellow men; and that the

Divine law demands of all railroad corporations in this country the curtailment of all freight and passenger traffic on the Lord's day, save that which is unquestionably necessary.

Resolved 2. That this Convention, representing one hundred and twenty-six Baptist churches, embracing over twenty thousand members, respectfully petition the Railroad Commissioners of Connecticut to give this matter their serious consideration, and as far as possible to devise measures that shall secure the better observance of this Divine law.

Resolved 3. That we appoint a committee of three, authorized to act in connection with committees of other Christian bodies in behalf of this object.

The resolutions were ordered to lie upon the table until the reports of the women's societies should be read.

The report of the Woman's Home Mission Society was read by Rev. Lester L. Potter of Hartford, accepted, and ordered printed in the Minutes.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

The first thought, in beginning to write this report, is one of sincere gratitude to God for His unspeakable blessings upon the work of this Society throughout all its lines of activity.

The schools under its patronage steadily increase in number and influence. They are also characterized by a deep spirituality. Conversions are numerous. Of the two hundred boarding pupils at Spelman last year, but one left the school unconverted. The missionary spirit among the pupils is another marked feature. This has prompted some heroic work during the last vacation.

Our new schools are not less encouraging; and still others will be opened as the Board shall receive the money sufficient to grant these requests. At present the Board cannot respond. We, members of the churches, must bear the responsibility of their refusal. And yet many a Christian woman is wearing jewels in her ears sufficiently valuable to support a teacher, or to build a school-house in districts where immortal jewels, that could glitter in a crown by-and-by, are waiting to be gathered and polished through these very agencies for which the Board is pleading for money to establish.

I am happy to record a growing interest in this work throughout our own State.

There have been changes among our officers, but the work goes on. Mrs. Meech, who was director of the New London Association, resigned on account of ill-health, and was succeeded by Mrs. A. T. Otis of Norwich. Mrs. Washington's resignation as director of the New Haven Association followed her husband's resignation as pastor of the Essex church. Mrs. Mary Reynolds of Wallingford was appointed in her place. Mrs. Temple, owing to her removal to Rainbow, also resigns her work among the Stonington churches. Too much cannot be said of the fidelity and consecra-

tion of these devoted workers, old and new, to whom the Society is largely indebted for the success it receives.

Mrs. Dewolf writes: "Last year, of the 23 churches in the Hartford Association, 8 contributed to our W. A. B. H. M. Society. This year 17 have come into the ranks, bringing \$496.66. Seven Mission Bands have reported, and 17 barrels sent to missionaries. One very pleasing fact is that while this Society has advanced, the Woman's Foreign Society has not suffered, but has also increased its receipts."

Mrs. Otis writes: "I hope soon to become better acquainted with the ladies in the New London Association, and with the work. As to our gifts, I find the sum of \$337.13. But I have heard of several sums collected that have not yet been reported through the Treasurer's column." She recommends the holding of basket meetings in all our associations. Mrs. Temple, in resigning her place as director, assures us of her continued interest in the Society, and, after expressing tenderest words of appreciation for the help and kindness received from her co-workers, she says: "The sum contributed during the year by 11 churches is \$312.84. I have faith to believe that in the near future every church in the old Stonington Association will send yearly contributions to our W. A. B. H. M. Society."

Mrs. Reynolds has been doing much acceptable work in neighboring States. Owing to her recent absence in Maine, no late report has been received. The Treasurer acknowledges the sum of \$416.22 from the New Haven Association.

Mrs. Preston writes: "If as much progress has not been made as we hoped to chronicle, still there is nothing discouraging to report. We recognize this Home Mission interest as the Lord's work, and are assured that he will ask nothing impossible of us. Oh, if we had but the *best* work of every Christian in Connecticut, what ought we not to accomplish! I find the sum of \$242.78 given by our Association. I think more was contributed, but can find no record of it."

Our quarterly meetings have been held regularly. At the second meeting held in Putnam, our State as a branch of the General Society was more thoroughly organized. Mrs. Clara Glazier was elected Secretary, and has rendered valuable assistance in that capacity.

There is much more of interest that I should like to include in this report, but time and space forbid.

Let us encourage each other to greater faithfulness in this and kindred service. The words of our Lord should be our inspiration: "Have your loins girded and lamps burning, and ye yourselves like unto men awaiting the return of their own Lord." Can we have a sharper incentive to constant and loyal devotion? Then let us

"Work, looking onward, upward;
When our coming Lord appears,
We will reap, in joy, the harvest
We may have sown in tears."

ANNA M. HERR,

State Vice-President.

NORWICH, Oct. 19, 1885.

The third annual report of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Union of Connecticut was read by Rev. W. H. Butrick of New Haven, as follows:

REPORT.

The Third Annual Meeting of the WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION UNION OF CONNECTICUT, was held early in October, owing to a change in the Constitution, thus making the past year some six weeks less than twelve months. Considering this fact we look back upon our work with special pride and gratitude. Our obligations were larger than in either of the previous years, and though faith almost failed at times, we have had brought home to us as a truth, that faith *with works is alive*.

We began the year with \$125 in the treasury, and we thankfully acknowledge over \$800 in cash which has come to our hands since. In addition to this, \$58 have been contributed by the circles for special purposes, and they have sent boxes and barrels amounting in value to \$849. This makes a total of over \$1,700, as the cash value of the work done by the Union for the year, against \$1,287 for last year's work.

Seven ladies have become Life Members during the year by the payment of \$25 each.

Our special work the past year has been the entire support of Mrs. C. E. Becker, Benedict Institute, Columbia, S. C., through the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and the continuance of our partial support of Missionary Clafford, who labors among the Swedes, under the auspices of the State Convention. We have also sent \$60 to Colby Hall, and \$100 for the help of a Collegiate Institute at Sioux Falls, Dakota.

Our meetings the past year have been interesting and we trust profitable. The different circles have reported progress—some more, some less. Several papers have been prepared by members and read, tending to awaken practical interest in their subjects. One begins to realize how far the work of Home Missions extends when these papers tell us of Mormons, Mexicans, Indians, and Negroes, all needing help from us!

Mrs. Becker, of whose labors among the colored people we are always glad to hear, was with us at one regular meeting. She spoke to us of the young women under her charge; of how quickly they yield to the Christian influence brought to bear on them, how anxious they are to work, even to the exclusion of necessary hours of recreation, and of how much practical value the sewing department—named after the Connecticut Missionary Union, because of assistance rendered—is to them, they having used 1,551 yards of cloth during the previous eight months. She enters upon her work this year with an anxious heart. We quote from one of her letters: "Owing to the condition of the treasury of the Home Mission Society we go back with a short corps of teachers, and from the reports of S. C. we are to have a larger number of students than ever before; so you see we are to work harder than ever before, and as we worked all the time last year, I don't see just how it is to be done. But I am sure that the dear Lord is over all and will give strength and help in the hour of need.

It is a great disappointment to us now, just as we have got our buildings and our school where we have labored years to get them to have to 'retrench' and take up the work with not workers enough to satisfy the demand. How I do wish the good Christians of our Churches could see the situation as it is! I am sure that if the work of the Home Mission Society, which is bearing such terrible burdens, and which the churches call '*their society*,' were better known, it would get help at once."

We feel sure that Mr. Clafford's work among his own nationality is earnest and efficient. From the number of visits made and sermons preached, and the ready help extended in time of trouble, we feel that good must result even though the number gathered in may be small.

We have unanimously voted to continue our present obligations for another year; these are the support of Mrs. Becker, and the same assistance to Mr. Clafford as hitherto.

This we can do by united effort and a trust in the Heavenly Father who watches over the welfare of all His scattered children.

MRS. FRANCIS WAYLAND, *President*.

On motion, this report was ordered printed. The work of the Society was highly endorsed by several speakers.

Mrs. Knowlton, formerly a missionary in China, was invited to speak to the Convention, and accepted, saying in the course of her address: "When I think how my countrymen have treated the Chinese here, I am fearful that the time may come when in China they shall say to Americans, Go home!"

The Committee on Next Anniversary reported through Rev. W. V. Garner of Bridgeport, he reading the letter of invitation from Waterbury church to meet with them in 1886, that the invitation be accepted; that Rev. D. Dewolf be the preacher of the annual sermon; Rev. Geo. W. Holman the alternate.

Report adopted.

Adjourned, after prayer, by Rev. S. D. Phelps, D.D.

TUESDAY EVENING, Oct. 20, 1885.

Convention called to order by the President, at 7.30 o'clock.

After an anthem had been sung by the choir of the church, Rev. Geo. E. Nichols of Southington, read a portion of Scripture, being the fifty-fifth chapter of Isaiah. Response by the choir. Prayer by Rev. W. V. Garner of Bridgeport. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. V. Garton of Meriden, taking as his text, Matt. 6: 10, "Thy Kingdom come."

The resolutions regarding Sunday trains were taken from the

table and discussed by J. L. Denison of Hartford, Rev. T. S. Samson of New Haven, and Rev. C. A. Piddock of Middletown. On motion, these and all other resolutions were referred to a Committee on Resolutions to report at a future session. The President named as this committee: Rev. P. A. Nordell of New London, J. L. Denison of Hartford, and Rev. J. R. Stubbett of Putnam.

After the sermon, the Committee on Nomination of Trustees reported through J. L. Howard of Hartford, the following:—Rev. Edward Lathrop, D.D., Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D., Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., J. B. Hoyt, Jas. L. Howard, J. L. Denison, Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., Rev. J. R. Stubbett, J. W. Dimock, Ebenezer Morgan, J. W. Manning, A. J. Crofut, Edward Miller, James Newcomb, W. H. Potter, Hon. Francis Wayland, Isaac Anderson, C. F. Setchel, Prof. M. H. Smith, Rev. J. P. Brown, Rev. C. W. Potter, Rev. S. D. Phelps, D.D., Rev. T. S. Samson, M. E. Morris, Rev. J. D. Herr, D.D., Rev. J. V. Garton, Rev. C. A. Piddock, Rev. W. H. Butrick, Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Thos. W. Potter, Rev. G. W. Holman, A. J. Shipley, Horace Eddy, Rev. A. E. Reynolds, Rev. Kittridge Wheeler.

Report accepted, and the persons named were elected.

The committee of three called for by the third resolution relating to Sunday trains was announced as: Rev. J. R. Stubbett, Rev. L. L. Potter, and Hon. Francis Wayland.

Prayer by Rev. G. F. Genung of New London.

Adjourned after singing the hymn, "I love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

WEDNESDAY FORENOON, Oct. 21, 1885.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Baptist Education Society was held this forenoon, for the proceedings of which see page 46.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Oct. 21, 1885.

At 2.30 o'clock the Convention resumed its business, and the session opened with singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," being led by Mr. S. Maslen of Hartford. Prayer by Rev. B. J. Savage of Tolland. After another hymn, Rev. D. Dewolf of Bristol, reported for the Committee on Enrollment that there

were present two hundred and forty-five delegates, representing eighty-three churches, as follows:

- Andover* — Rev. J. W. Searll.
Ansonia — Rev. Wm. D. McKinney, I. A. Fish, David Semes, W. H. Fielding.
Bristol — Rev. D. Dewolf, G. R. Barbour, B. F. Hawley, G. R. Tuttle.
Bridgeport, First — Rev. W. V. Garner, J. D. Candee, H. C. Tuttle.
East Bridgeport — Wm. R. Miller, Joseph H. Gunn, Mrs. J. H. Gunn, J. W. Barnes.
Bloomfield — Rev. H. G. Smith, J. F. Phelps.
Branford — Rev. J. A. Bailey, J. H. Fowler, J. W. Baldwin.
Brooklyn — Rev. Wm. Gussman and wife, Dea. B. Brown, F. S. Howe, Riley B. Witter, Mrs. R. B. Witter.
Chester — Rev. A. J. Hawes, W. A. Brothwell.
Chesterfield — Rev. Stephen Perkins.
Clinton — Wm. Bacon.
Cromwell — Rev. J. J. Cooper, G. W. Stevens, Elizur Cook.
Danbury — Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., Nathan Seeley, Mrs. L. A. Knowlton.
Danielsonville — Rev. F. L. Knapp, C. C. Pilling, S. W. Crofut.
Deep River — Rev. A. F. Perry, Winslow Shailer, Julius P. Post.
Essex — Rev. Daniel Crafts, Miss Carrie Gladding, S. M. Morley.
Easton — Rev. G. H. Kemp.
Eastford — Rev. A. A. Robinson.
East Cornwall — Rev. E. B. Elmer, H. G. Dean, F. A. Whitcomb.
East Haddam — Rev. J. B. Connell, S. M. Stanley, J. S. Brooks.
East Lyme, Second — Rev. Thomas Terry, John Lee.
Groton — Rev. A. J. Chandler, Wm. H. Lamphier.
Groton Bank — Rev. W. A. Smith, J. L. Edgcomb, G. R. Darrow, Mrs. W. A. Smith (J. F. Wilbur, church clerk).
Hartford, First — Rev. L. L. Potter, J. L. Howard, L. C. Glazier.
Hartford, South — Rev. Kittridge Wheeler, John A. Conklin, John Gemmill, J. J. Shepard, A. Holcomb, Stephen Maslen.
Hartford, Asylum Ave — Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., S. D. Phelps, D.D., James Lockwood, J. L. Denison.
Hartford, Memorial — Rev. H. P. Smith, F. M. Hale.
Hartford, Union — Rev. A. M. Harrison.
Haddam — Dea. B. Shailer and wife, J. Boardman.
Jewett City — Rev. S. G. Hastings, H. W. Kegwin.
Lyme, First — Rev. D. Taylor.
Middletown — Rev. C. A. Piddock, A. B. Ryan, J. B. Sibley, Mrs. J. A. Bailey, J. W. Daniels, Miss E. L. Kolman, Mrs. C. A. Piddock.
Meriden, First — Rev. J. V. Garton, C. P. Ives, S. J. Hall, Lewis Hall, Fannie Twiss, Mrs. S. J. Hall, Mrs. Lewis Hall.
Meriden, Main Street — Rev. I. R. Wheelock, P. A. Spencer, G. A. Gladwin, S. C. Paddock, Irving I. Gardner.
Meriden, German — Rev. J. H. Moehlmann, A. Stockburger.
Montville — Rev. E. J. Bosworth.
Moodus — Rev. J. B. Connell.
Mystic River — Rev. G. H. Miner, William H. Potter, L. Wilcox, J. P. Wilbur, B. Burrows.
New Canaan — Rev. Wilson R. Terry, David Piatt.
New Hartford — Rev. Frank Spencer, Morton Sanford, Orrin Fitch.
New Haven, First — Rev. W. H. Butrick, W. A. Briggs, S. O. Preston, J. M. True, F. A. Betts, G. Robertson, D. S. Cooper, P. A. Welch.
New Haven, Calvary — Rev. T. S. Samson, J. B. Foot.
New Haven, Grand Street — O. J. Hull, J. P. Merrow, Mrs. Merrow.
New Haven, Emanuel — Rev. H. H. Johnson.

- North Haven*—Miss Julia A. Culver.
New London, First—Rev. P. A. Nordell, C. A. Weaver, G. R. Lester, C. C. Comstock, J. Starr.
New London, Huntington St.—Rev. G. F. Genung, T. W. Potter, Mrs. Hattie E. Genung, Miss Abbie Holt.
North Colebrook—Rev. Wm. Goodwin.
North Lyme—Rev. A. E. Denison.
North Stonington—Rev. A. E. Goff.
Norwalk—Rev. R. McGonigal, Mrs. McGonigal, A. C. Arnold, J. L. Ambler, Judge Barry.
Norwalk, South—Jesse Hobson, John W. Scott, A. J. Crofut.
Norwich, First—William R. Cowen, Hattie A. Rogers, Lina E. Gardner.
Norwich, Central—Mrs. J. D. Herr.
Norwich, Mt. Calvary—Rev. R. D. Wynne.
New Milford—Rev. A. J. Cotney, Eliza Roberts, H. Lyons.
Plainfield Union—Rev. J. P. Brown, Rev. Robert Pegrum, Waldo Tillinghast.
Putnam—Rev. J. R. Stubbett, G. W. Carver, Samuel Rich, Edward Fily, B. G. Smith, Mrs. J. F. Stiles, Alice Johnson.
Puckerville—Rev. J. F. Temple, Mrs. O. Hopkins, Mrs. J. F. Temple, Mrs. H. Trewsdell.
Plantsville—Rev. E. S. Gardner, R. W. Cowles.
Pendleton Hill—Rev. D. F. Chapman and wife, A. H. Chapman and wife.
Rockville—W. H. Herskill, M. W. Loomis.
Rainbow—G. S. Leonard, G. W. Hodge.
South Colebrook—A. M. Fuller.
Suffield, First—Rev. J. G. Ward, Mrs. Ward, F. E. Hastings, Mrs. Hastings.
Suffield, Second—Rev. B. W. Lockhart, M. H. Smith, E. A. Fuller, Thaddeus Spencer, D. Bement, Gilbert Philips.
Stamford—Rev. E. Lathrop, D. D., Rev. L. H. Wakeman, J. G. Snelling and wife, Susie N. Paradise.
Southington—Rev. G. E. Nichols, E. H. Plant, J. S. Caldwell, C. A. Caldwell.
Stafford—Rev. F. L. Batchelder.
Stepney—Rev. E. M. Ogden.
Sterling—Rev. E. S. Hill, S. P. Green.
Tariffville—Rev. J. Burnett.
Tolland—Rev. B. J. Savage, G. P. Field, Mrs. Sybil L. Cole.
Thompson—Rev. C. H. Hickok, Mrs. Hickok, Mrs. O. Bixby.
Wethersfield—Rev. E. P. Bond, Rev. A. Howard, Mrs. S. F. Dibble, Mrs. Mary E. Morton.
Willington—Rev. J. M. Philips, Mrs. Annie E. Preston, M. Johnson.
Westford—Rev. L. S. Brown.
Willimantic—Rev. G. W. Holman, George A. Fuller, E. W. Ellison, M. Johnson, A. H. Fuller, F. Rogers.
Waterbury—Rev. J. W. Richardson, Mrs. A. J. Jaques, James Spruce and wife, William O'Neil.
Wallingford—Rev. A. E. Reynolds, Mrs. Reynolds, D. E. Morris, M. C. Wooding, B. D. Sutliff.
Voluntown—Rev. E. Dewhurst and wife.
White Hills—Rev. S. G. Silliman and wife.
Yalesville—Rev. W. B. Vassar, G. I. Mix.

J. G. Snelling of Stamford, for the Committee on Sunday-schools, reported as follows:

The claims of Sunday-school work upon Connecticut Baptists are

certainly not less imperative to-day than in the past. While it is gratifying to report that the Sunday-school interest in the State has made substantial progress during the past year, it is no less true that the number of neglected, untaught children who have been abandoned to Sabbath-breaking, profanity, and other vices, is not diminishing but increasing.

In the judgment of your committee, the Convention should be represented on its field by an efficient Sunday-school missionary, whose entire time and energy should be devoted to the work. To this end we cordially commend the suggestion made by the President in his opening address, and would

Recommend — That a Committee be appointed to secure the services of such a missionary who shall be subject to and under the direction of the Board of the State Convention.

It is proper that we should make mention,

1st. Of the meetings held at Crescent Beach Tabernacle, in the interests of Sunday-schools, which are regarded as decidedly successful both in the number in attendance, and the interest manifested, and

2d. Of the specially efficient work done in the New Haven Association by means of institutes and otherwise. May we not see all along the line, efforts of like success?

C. A. PIDDOCK,
G. M. STONE,
F. L. KNAPP,
R. PEGRUM,
J. G. SNELLING,

Committee.

Rev. G. H. Miner of Mystic River, reported the following for the Committee on Temperance:

Resolved, That this Convention approve of all moral, religious, and legal measures which tend to the suppression of the liquor traffic, and of the use of intoxicants as a beverage.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Obituaries reported through Rev. E. P. Bond of Wethersfield:

The Committee on Obituaries find that death has removed an unusual number from the ranks of the church below during the past year. Several whose names have been well known in years past have been called to go over the river. Among them are Mrs. Harriet A. Eaton, widow of Rev. J. S. Eaton, who died in Hartford June 10, 1885, whose good works have enshrined her memory in the hearts of all who knew her; Mrs. Olive Paine, widow of Rev. John Paine, who shared with her husband in this State in the self-sacrificing toils of many years, and died in Newton Highlands, Mass., May 31, 1885; Rev. Frederick Ketchum, who died in Havana, Ill., Nov. 6, 1884, and who will be remembered as once pastor of the

church in Winthrop, and subsequently of the Second church in New Haven; Rev. Orra Martin, who died at Gardner's Prairie, Wisconsin, July 14, 1885, in the 95th year of his age, began his ministry in this State, and was ordained in Bristol, June 12, 1817. He was an earnest, devoted laborer, whose maturer years were spent in the West. To these other worthy names could be added if our limits allowed.

At our last annual gathering special prayer was offered for Rev. Jabez S. Swan, who was apparently near his end. A few weeks later, Nov. 19, 1884, in the 85th year of his age, he passed away in peace. He was pre-eminently a soldier. At the age of 21 he enlisted in the King's army. He was then living in North Lyme. The next year he was licensed to preach. After prosecuting his studies in the Institution at Hamilton, N. Y., for some years, he was ordained in Stonington Borough June 20, 1827. He was also pastor of Preston church, First New London, of Huntington street, and Waterford in this State, and of two or three churches in New York. He was for some years employed as a State Missionary by the Convention. He did much work as an evangelist, for which he was eminently qualified. He was a man of prayer, mighty in the Scriptures, fearless in his denunciation of sin, bold in his attacks upon error, and tireless in labor for the Master. He had a tender and sympathizing heart for the afflicted, was genial in his social intercourse, and beloved by all who knew him.

Rev. Joseph Ballard, who died in Norwalk Nov. 13, 1884, was known in this State, not so much as a pastor among us as an agent for one of our benevolent societies and as connected with the religious press. He was an able preacher, sound in the faith, and in sympathy with every good work. Infirmities compelled him to retire from active labors some years since, and he passed away in a good old age.

Rev. Charles Willet died in Suffield May 3, 1885, after a brief illness, at the age of 75 years and 6 months. For many years we have been accustomed to meet him in these gatherings, in which he took a deep interest. He was licensed by the South Baptist church in Hartford in June, 1838, and was ordained at Tariffville in the following November. He was subsequently pastor in Southwick, Mass., at Central Thompson, at Putnam, twice, First New London, and First Suffield. He also had two pastorates in the West. His apprehension of Bible truth was strong, and his statement of Gospel doctrine was clear and forcible. He loved to converse with his brethren on spiritual themes. After he resigned his last pastorate he continued to supply churches till within a few weeks of his death. He baptized many converts, and was instrumental in strengthening the churches where he labored.

Rev. Otis B. Rawson died at North Lyme, Aug. 24, 1885, at the age of 49 years. He entered the ministry in 1870, being first settled in Bethel, Me.; then he removed to Packerville in this State; then held another pastorate in Maine, and in July, 1884, removed to North Lyme. He was a careful student of God's Word, an instructive and earnest preacher. Modest and retiring in disposition, he was the more beloved the more fully

he was known. His was a beautiful Christian life, and he was early called to his reward.

Thus the laborers are called in rapid succession to their rest. Men die; but the Church of God abides. Instead of the fathers are the children.

Adopted.

Rev. W. H. Butrick of New Haven, offered the following:

Resolved, That the usual standing Committees of the Convention be appointed annually before the adjournment of the Convention.

After discussion, the resolution was passed, and the President named as the Committees, those chosen to act at this Convention. (See p. 17.)

Rev. A. E. Reynolds of Wallingford, spoke of the need of funds coming from the churches at such time as they would be wanted through the year, and presented the following:

Resolved, That we, the members of this Convention, will heartily coöperate with its officers in such plans as they may devise for such adjustment of the benevolent contributions of our churches as shall tend to distribute our offerings to the work of the Convention the most equally possible throughout the entire year.

After an explanation of the necessities of the Convention this resolution was adopted unanimously.

Short addresses were made by Rev. A. K. Potter, D.D., of Boston, representing the Executive Committee of the Missionary Union, Rev. O. E. Pope, D.D., of Texas, representing the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and Rev. P. A. Nordell of New London, representing the Baptist Ministers' Home of New York.

The Committee on Resolutions recommended the passage of the following:

Resolved, That a Committee on Devotional Exercises be appointed one year in advance to arrange the devotional meetings of this body.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of this Convention be empowered, to fill any vacancy that may occur in any of the annual committees when any member of said committees may leave the State during the year.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are due, and are hereby tendered, to the churches of this city, for the liberal hospitality with which this Convention has been entertained; especially to the First Church for assuming in an emergency the responsibility of entertaining the Convention; to the railroads for favors received; and to the press of the city for its full and satisfactory reports of the proceedings of this body.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Devotional Committee called for by the first of the above resolutions was made the same as the Committee of Arrangements.

Rev. C. A. Piddock of Middletown, Rev. L. L. Potter of Hartford, and J. G. Snelling of Stamford, were appointed as the committee called for in the Sunday-school report.

The President thanked the delegates for their confidence and courtesy, and after singing the hymn "A charge to keep I have," and prayer by Rev. E. Lathrop, D.D., of Stamford, the Convention adjourned to meet at Waterbury, October 19 and 20, 1886.

Benediction by Rev. C. W. Potter of Rowayton.

W. S. BRONSON, *President*.

ELIZUR COOK, *Secretary*.

Treasurer's Report.

THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION

In account with JAMES LOCKWOOD, Treasurer.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS FROM OCTOBER 10, 1884, TO OCTOBER 10, 1885.

Cr.

By collections as follows:

1884.	Balance from last account,	\$62.89
Oct. 11.	New Haven First Church, per Francis Wayland, Treas.,	60.02
13.	Calvary Church, New Haven, H. J. Augur,	150.00
14.	Westford Church, per Rev. W. C. Walker,	2.00
	Shelton Church, per Rev. W. L. Giles,	10.00
	Eastford Church, per T. B. Mowry,	4.00
	Lebanon Church, per John Avery,	10.00
	Rockville Church, per M. W. Loomis,	20.00
	Wallingford Church, per Rev. T. A. T. Hanna,	8.42
	Ashford Assoc'n, for Minutes, per Rev. T. A. T. Hanna,	16.97
	Middletown Church, per Rev. T. A. T. Hanna,	33.05
	Colchester Church S. S., per Rev. T. A. T. Hanna,	3.25
	Waterbury Church S. S., per Rev. T. A. T. Hanna,	20.00
	Greenville Church, per E. B. Gardner, Treas.,	10.00
16.	Mrs. Taylor, Willington, per Rev. T. A. T. Hanna,	1.00
	Mrs. Preston, Willington, per Rev. T. A. T. Hanna,	1.00
	Montville Church, per Rev. T. A. T. Hanna,	5.30
	Moosup Church, per Rev. T. A. T. Hanna,	3.00
	Stamford Church, per Rev. E. Lathrop, D.D.,	221.88
	Waterford Second Church, per Rev. A. B. Tefft,	13.28
20.	Clinton Church, per A. H. Stevens, Treas.,	14.10
21.	Groton Bank Church S. S., per A. F. Crumb, Supt.,	5.00
29.	Voluntown Church, per Rev. E. Dewhurst,	5.75
30.	Preston City Church, per Rev. F. H. Cooper,	12.30
Nov. 4.	Danbury Second Church, per J. Amsbury, Treas.,	23.09
5.	New Hartford Church, per S. Bull, Treas.,	25.00
15.	Stepney Church, per Rev. E. M. Ogden,	10.00
17.	Woman's Home Mis. Union, per Mrs. J. V. Garton, Treas.,	75.00
19.	Haddam Church, per Dea. B. Shailer,	6.00
28.	Interest from Bequest of Martha Rogers,	20.00
Dec. 1.	Interest on United States Bonds,	67.50
	From Swedes, per Rev. T. Clafford,	2.50
2.	From a Lady, Stamford, per Rev. E. Lathrop, D.D.,	10.00
	Mrs. A. H. Farnham, Clinton,	2.00
	Rockville Church, per Rev. W. C. Walker,	20.00
	Chas. Prentice, for Westford Ch., per Rev. W. C. Walker,	25.00
10.	Easton Church, per M. W. Silliman,	30.00
13.	Southington Church, per Mrs. F. B. Bradley, Sec'y,	32.35
15.	Stonington Union Association, per Rev. O. B. Sargent,	10.00
23.	Branford Church S. S., per W. N. Boynton, Treas.,	20.34
24.	New Haven First Church, per Francis Wayland, Treas.,	26.01

1885.		
Jan.	1.	Interest from Bequest of Esther N. Francis, \$12 00
		Interest on United States Bond, 5.00
	7.	South Colebrook Ch. and S. S., per Rev. Wm. Goodwin, 2.50
		North Colebrook Ch. and S. S., per Rev. Wm. Goodwin, 2.50
	14.	Tolland Church S. S., per Geo. P. Field, Supt., 1.75
	17.	Thompson Central Church, per F. H. Arnold, 9.00
	21.	James Lockwood, Loan, 400.00
	28.	Rainbow Church S. S., per R. F. Hodge, Treas., 5.00
Feb.	14.	A Friend, Windsor, per Mrs. S. E. Phelps, 2.00
	16.	Woman's Home Miss. Union, per Mrs. J. V. Garton, Treas., 75.00
	24.	North Stonington First Ch., per Rev. D. F. Chapman, 10.00
	26.	Swedes of New Britain and vicinity, per Rev. T. Clafford, 4.12
Mch.	2.	Interest on United States Bonds, 67.50
		White Hills Church, per Rev. S. G. Silliman, 2.60
	11.	Hartford First Church S. S., per W. S. Bronson, 20.00
	13.	Waterford Church, per Rev. F. B. Dickinson, 15.17
	19.	Tariffville Church, per Rev. J. Burnett, 5 50
	20.	Mrs. Boynton, Spring Hill, per Rev. A. B. Tcfft, 1.00
	28.	Yalesville Church, per Rev. W. B. Vassar, 11.75
	31.	Memorial Church Hartford, per J. H. Pinney, Treas., 10.00
April	1.	Interest on United States Bond, 5.00
		Saybrook First Church, per G. K. Hull, Treas., 10.28
	4.	Meriden First Church, per F. T. Williams, Treas., 30.93
	8.	Poquonnock Bridge Church, per Cyrus Avery, Treas., 6.55
	18.	Education Society, per W. S. Bronson, 30 00
		Hartford Association, per W. S. Bronson, 25 00
	21.	Fairfield County Association, per H. M. Prowitt, 12.50
	23.	New Canaan Church, per J. A. Weed, Clerk, 5 00
		Wallingford Church, per C. H. Brown, 8.42
	29.	Woman's Home Miss. Union, per Mrs. J. V. Garton, Treas., 75.00
May	7.	New Haven Association, S. H. Jennings, Treas., 25.00
		Norwich First Church, per G. E. Cranston, Treas., 20.00
	22.	O. B. Grant, Stonington, 100.00
	28.	Jewett City Church, per John E. Phillips, 28.00
	29.	Swedes in New Britain, per Rev. T. Clafford, 4 00
June	1.	Interest on United States Bonds, 67.50
	10.	Cornwall Hollow Church, per Rev. G. J. Ga Nun, 5.02
	12.	Central Church, Norwich, per L. A. Gallup, Treas., 100.00
	16.	Asylum Av. Ch., Hartford, per Jas. A. Williams, Treas., 97.33
	17.	Jewett City Church S. S., per Fred. S. Campbell, Sec'y, 1.74
	20.	Packerville Church, per Rev. G. H. Miner, 7.00
	30.	J. B. Hoyt, Stamford, per W. S. Bronson, 100.00
July	1.	Interest on United States Bond, 5.00
	7.	Willimantic Church, per John Hawkins, Treas., 29 00
		German Church, New Britain, per Geo. Wegh, Treas., 7.40
	8.	Bequest of Edward Bolles, Hartford, per G. F. Davis, 833.33
	10.	Woman's Home Miss. Union, per Mrs. J. V. Garton, Treas., 75.00
	11.	Bridgeport First Church, per James Potter, Treas., 117.51
	13.	Mrs. M. H. R. Wayland, N. Haven, per W. S. Bronson, 50.00
	14.	Putnam Church, per Chas. N. Allen, Treas., 50.00
	15.	Interest from Bequest of Eber Dunham (Savings Bank), 161 60
		Interest from Bequest of Eber Dunham (Bank Stock), 40.00
		Mansfield Church, per Rev. A. B. Tcfft, 14.00
	27.	New London First Church, per J. E. Darrow, Clerk, 44.00
Aug.	11.	Huntington St. Ch., New London, per W. S. Bronson, 22.12
		Bridgeport First Church S. S., per H. C. Tuttle, 50.00
		Clintonville, for Swedes, 1.00
	10.	Clinton Church, per A. H. Stevens, 8.65

Aug. 11.	Jewett City Church S. S., per F. S. Campbell,	\$3.85
	Interest from Bequest of Ann M. May,	20.00
	Interest from Bequest of Martha Rogers,	20.00
Sept. 2.	Interest on United States Bonds,	67.50
	Main St. Ch., Meriden, per R. M. Breckenridge, Treas.,	12.75
	Eastford Church, per Rev. A. A. Robinson,	9.50
	Swedes in New Britain and vicinity, per Rev. T. Clafford,	7.50
	3. Interest from Bequest of Esther N. Francis,	20.20
	7. Brooklyn Savings Bank, C. H. Chapman's Bequest,	342.86
	10. Saybrook Church, per G. K. Hull, Treas.,	9.17
	Stonington First Church, per Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D.,	33.53
	11. Rainbow Church, per W. L. Bidwell,	1.85
	12. E. Washington Av. Ch., Bridgeport, per J. A. Black,	31.60
	15. Bristol Church, per M. M. Woodford, Treas.,	42.00
	New Britain Church, per A. J. Sloper, Treas.,	34.39
	18. Bequest of Emily S. Trumbull, per J. W. Johnson, Ex.,	102.50
	Old Lyme Church, per Chas. F. Comstock, Treas.,	7.00
	Plantsville Church, per R. W. Cowles,	10.00
	19. East Haddam Central Church, per W. S. Bronson,	3.00
	22. New London Association, per Rev. Geo. F. Genung,	15.00
	23. Plainfield Union Church, per Rev. R. Pegrum,	7.15
	24. Tolland Church, per Geo. P. Field,	12.00
	25. Rowayton Church, per Rev. C. W. Potter,	11.60
	Waterford Second Church, per S. G. Jerome, Treas.,	3.30
	29. East Lyme Second Church, per Rev. Thomas Terry,	7.00
	30. Deep River Church, per Gideon Parker,	40.00
	Stonington Union Association, per Rev. E. Dewhurst,	8.00
Oct. 1.	Interest on United States Bond,	5.00
	Sterling Church, per Rev. E. S. Hill,	8.00
	2. Waterbury Church, per J. T. Trott,	27.05
	Waterbury Church S. S., per J. T. Trott,	20.00
	Woman's Home Miss. Union, per Mrs. J. V. Garton, Treas.,	75.00
	3. Calvary Church, New Haven, per J. A. Augur,	150.00
	5. Hartford First Church, per Wm. C. Bolles,	163.00
	6. Suffield Second Church, per C. S. Fuller, Treas.,	27.03
	7. A Friend of Missions, per C. S. Fuller, Treas.,	5.00
	8. Grand St. Church, per W. H. Huntley, Treas.,	8.16
	New Haven Association, contribution,	7.89
	10. Tariffville Church, per Rev. J. Burnett,	7.00
	Bloomfield Church, per Rev. H. G. Smith,	15.00
		\$5,434.25

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1884.	To payments as follows:	
Oct. 20.	Rev. W. B. Vassar, Bantam Church,	\$50.00
22.	Rev. T. A. T. Hanna, salary as Missionary,	150.00
	E. H. Bickford, Missionary,	33.00
23.	Rev. W. C. Walker, Missionary,	45.00
	F. W. Woodworth, Memorial Church,	20.00
	Rev. Wm. Goodwin, So. Colebrook Church,	10 00
	George Wegh, German Church, New Britain,	25.00
Nov. 3.	Rev. G. J. Ga Nun, Cornwall Hollow Church,	20.00
	6. Rev. R. H. Sherman, East Killingly Church,	20.00
	Rev. E. C. Miller, Plainville Church,	25.00
	Rev. Wm. Goodwin, North and So. Colebrook Churches,	20.00
10.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
14.	E. H. Bickford, Missionary,	66.66
	John H. Ford, Tr., special contribution 1st Ch., Norwich,	30.00

Nov.	14.	Rev. S. G. Silliman, White Hills Church,	\$20.00
	19.	Rev. S. Kornmaier, German Missionary,	50.00
		Rev. W. C. Walker, Missionary,	50.00
	22.	E. H. Bickford, Missionary,	33.34
Dec.	1.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
	2.	Rev. T. A. T. Hanna,	155.00
	26.	Rev. W. C. Walker, Missionary and expenses,	55.60
1885.			
Jan.	2.	Rev. S. Kornmaier, German Missionary,	50.00
		Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
	14.	Rev. W. L. Giles, Shelton Church,	50.00
		Rev. G. L. C. Hanna, Salem Church,	20.00
		F. W. Woodworth, Memorial Church,	100.00
		Rev. G. W. Pendleton, Poquonnock Bridge Church,	20.00
	21.	Rev. W. L. Giles, Shelton Church,	50.00
		Rev. Wilson R. Terry, New Canaan Church,	50.00
		Rev. A. E. Goff, Ledyard Church,	20.00
		Rev. B. J. Savage, Tolland Church,	25.00
		Rev. Wm. Goodwin, No. Colebrook Church,	10.00
		Rev. Wm. Goodwin, South Colebrook Church,	10.00
		Rev. G. J. Ga Nun, Cornwall Hollow Church,	20.00
		Rev. F. F. Spencer, New Hartford Church,	50.00
		A. S. Brown, preaching at New Hartford,	30.00
		Rev. R. S. Sherman, East Killingly Church,	20.00
Jan.	21.	Rev. W. C. Walker, Missionary and expenses,	53.77
	24.	Mary S. Hale, Wethersfield Ch., Francis bequest,	12.00
	28.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
Mch.	5.	Rev. W. C. Walker, Missionary and expenses,	53.00
		Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
	10.	Rev. C. W. Potter, Sterling Church,	20.00
		Rev. A. B. Teft, Spring Hill Church,	25.00
		Rev. R. D. Wynne, Mt. Calvary Church, Norwich,	25.00
		Rev. E. C. Miller, Plainville Church,	25.00
	11.	Rev. S. Kornmaier, German Missionary,	50.00
April	1.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
	29.	Rev. L. Smith Brown, Westford Church,	25.00
		Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
May	4.	Rev. W. C. Walker, Missionary,	50.00
	7.	Rev. J. Burnett, Tariffville Church,	25.00
	21.	Rev. H. P. Smith, Memorial Church, Hartford,	100.00
	23.	Rev. W. C. Walker, Missionary and expenses,	84.46
		George Wegh, Tr. German Church, New Britain,	50.00
June	8.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
	9.	Rev. S. Kornmaier, Missionary,	50.00
	17.	Rev. J. Burnett, Tariffville Church,	25.00
		Rev. E. C. Miller, Plainville Church,	25.00
		Rev. Wm. Goodwin, No. and So. Colebrook Churches,	20.00
		George Wegh, Tr. German Church, New Britain,	25.00
	30.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
		Rev. W. L. Giles, Shelton Church,	50.00
		Rev. C. W. Potter, Rowayton Church,	50.00
July	9.	W. S. Bronson, traveling expenses of committees,	12.00
	10.	Rev. Chas. Colman, balance E. W. Av. Ch., Bridgeport,	90.00
	14.	E. Cook, Secretary, traveling expenses, postage, etc.,	28.45
	15.	W. S. Bronson, Tolland Church,	25.00
		A. Sharp, Willington Ch., E. Dunham Fund,	100.00
		J. C. F. Harris, Mansfield Ch., E. Dunham Fund,	50.00
	16.	James Lockwood, notes on loan,	767.38
		Wm. R. Cowan, Programs for Convention 1884,	6.50

July 16.	Rev. G. L. C. Hanna, Salem Church,	\$20.00
	Rev. F. F. Spencer, New Hartford Church,	50.00
	Rev. S. G. Silliman, White Hills Church,	40.00
20.	Rev. G. W. Pendleton, Poquonnock Bridge Church,	40.00
	George P. Field, Tr. Tolland Church, Dunham Fund,	51.60
21.	Rev. G. J. Ga Nun, Cornwall Hollow Church,	20.00
30.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
	Rev. S. Kornmaier, German Missionary,	50.00
31.	A. S. Brown, preaching at Rockville,	50.00
Aug. 25.	A. S. Brown, preaching at Rockville,	23.00
	W. S. Bronson, postage, expcnses, etc.,	25.75
28.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
	Rev. R. H. Sherman, East Killingly Church,	20.00
Sept. 2.	Rev. Wilson R. Terry, New Canaan Church,	50.00
	Rev. B. J. Savage, Tolland Church,	25.00
4.	Rev. C. W. Potter, Rowayton Church,	50.00
	Mrs. Sarah F. Dibble, Treasurer Wethersfield Church,	
	bequest of E. N. Francis,	20.20
7.	Rev. A. B. Tefft, Spring Hill Church,	20.00
	Rev. J. Burnett, Tariffville Church,	25.00
	Joseph H. Pinney, Tr. Memorial Church, Hartford,	100.00
9.	The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co., printing Minutes,	226.10
19.	Rev. W. C. Walker, Missionary,	50.00
30.	Rev. T. Clafford, Swedish Missionary,	25.00
	Rev. S. Kornmaier, German Missionary,	50.00
	Rev. W. C. Walker, balance as per report of Committee,	53.67
		<u>\$4,686 48</u>

BUILDING FUND—ROCKVILLE CHURCH.

Or.

1885.		
Sept. 16.	New Hartford Church S. S., per J. E. Stanley,	\$15.00
	Rev. T. A. T. Hanna,	5.00
21.	Cromwell Church S. S., per Elizur Cook,	10.00
	Wethersfield Church S. S., per Elizur Cook,	4.17
22.	E. Washington Av. Ch. S. S., Bridgeport, C. W. Beers,	15.00
	Windsor Church S. S., per W. S. Bronson,	10.00
	Hartford First Church S. S., per W. S. Bronson,	27.00
	Memorial Church, per J. H. Pinney, Tr.,	14.00
	Stonington Third Church S. S., per Herman C. Ross,	8.28
	Voluntown Church S. S., per Rev. E. Dewhurst,	12.00
23.	North Ashford Church S. S., per Fred. Davidson,	5.17
	Montville Church S. S., per J. L. Latimer,	\$25.00
	Rev. D. D. Lyon, Montville,	10.00— 35.00
	Winthrop Church S. S., per Rev. G. H. Lester,	5.00
	Cornwall Hollow Church S. S., per Rev. G. J. Ga Nun,	3.10
24.	Waterbury Church S. S., per J. W. Mahony,	20.00
	Suffield First Church, per Rev. J. G. Ward,	10.05
	Mystic River Union Ch. S. S., per Rev. G. H. Miner,	16.00
	Tariffville Church S. S., per W. S. Bronson,	6.54
	Norwich Central Ch. S. S., per C. H. Setchel,	\$24.00
	Morgan Safford, Norwich,	10.00— 34.00
25.	G. I. Mix, Yalesville,	5.00
26.	From a Lady, per W. S. Bronson,	1.00
	Mrs. Hurd, New Haven, per W. S. Bronson,	1.00
28.	Groton Bank Ch. S. S., per A. F. Crumb, Supt.,	5.00
	Poquonnock Bridge Ch. S. S., per Daniel Morgan,	4.25

Sept. 28.	Rockville Church S. S., per W. S. Bronson,	\$11.00
	Packerville Church S. S., per W. S. Bronson,	13.16
	Howard Lester, E. Hartford, per W. S. Bronson,	1.00
29.	East Lyme Second Ch. S. S., per Rev. Thomas Terry,	9.00
	Rev. J. Naylor,	10.00
	Quiambug Mission S. S., per Rev. G. H. Miner,	7.51
30.	Deep River Church and S. S., per O. H. Glover,	16.25
	No. Stonington First Ch. S. S., per Rev. D. F. Chapman,	4.00
Oct. 1.	Shelton Church S. S., per W. E. Tomlinson, Supt.,	8.00
2.	New London First Ch. S. S., per C. A. Weaver, Tr.,	16.35
	Middletown Church S. S., per W. E. Fuller, Tr.,	16.67
3.	Plainville Church S. S., per A. H. Condell,	5.80
5.	Clinton Church S. S., per Wm. H. Kelsey,	8.30
	Grand St. Ch. S. S., New Haven, per Oscar J. Hull,	15.83
	South Ch. S. S., Hartford, per C. E. Scofield, Tr.,	34.41
	Asylum Av. Ch. S. S., Hartford, per W. B. Case, Tr.,	41.61
	Tolland Church S. S., per Geo. P. Field, Supt.,	5.12
6.	Willimantic Church S. S., per W. N. Potter,	16.25
	Waterbury German Ch. S. S., per D. L. Smith,	7.00
	Bloomfield Church S. S., per Rev. H. G. Smith,	11.50
	Suffield Second Church S. S., per C. S. Fuller, Tr.,	15.54
7.	New Haven First Ch. S. S., per John I. Jacobus, Tr.,	15.00
	Rainbow Church S. S., per Judson S. Leonard, Tr.,	5.00
	Sterling Church S. S., per E. Park, Supt.,	1.50
9.	Danielsonville Church S. S., per Geo. O. Thomas, Tr.,	19.76
	Preston City Church S. S., per H. B. Frink, Sec'y,	8.25
10.	German S. S., Seymour, per D. L. Smith,	2.00
	Stamford Church S. S., per Asa M. Thayer, Tr.,	36.90
	Bantam Falls S. S., per Rev. E. B. Elmer,	5.00
		<u>\$639.27</u>

I have examined the foregoing account and the vouchers for payments, and believe the same to be correct.

HARTFORD, Oct. 14, 1885.

GUSTAVUS F. DAVIS, *Auditor*.

ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S REPORT.—DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance from last account,	\$62.89
From Churches and Individuals,	3,714.16
From Sunday-schools,	155.93
From Interest,	533.80
From Associations and Education Society,	142.47
From Woman's Home Mission Union,	375.00
From Loan,	400.00
<u>\$5,434.25</u>	
PAYMENTS.	
In aid of Churches,	\$2,086.80
Salary of Missionaries and Expenses,	1,599.70
Printing Minutes, etc.,	232.60
Loans,	767.38
Balance to new account,	747.77
<u>\$5,434.25</u>	

BUILDING FUND, ROCKVILLE CHURCH.

From Churches and Individuals,	\$67.05
From Sunday-schools,	572.22
	\$639.27

REAL ESTATE AND BEQUESTS.

Real Estate in Illinois,	\$18,295.67
Bequest of Alva Baldwin, Branford,	845.54
Bequest of Eber Dunham, Mansfield,	4,500.00
Bequest of Martha Rogers, Middletown,	500.00
Bequest of Lucinda Newton, Cheshire,	1,541.40
Bequest of Esther N. Francis, Wethersfield,	900.00
Bequest of Charles H. Chapman, Brooklyn,	6,500.00
Bequest of Ann M. May, Wethersfield,	500.00
	\$28,582.61

PRINTING MINUTES.

Cr.

Ashford Association,	\$16.97
Stonington Union Association,	10.00
Education Society,	30.00
Hartford Association,	25.00
Fairfield County Association,	12.50
New Haven Association,	25.00
New London Association,	15.00
Stonington Union Association,	8.00
Cash from Domestic Mission Fund,	90.13
	\$232.60

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To paid The Case, Lockwood & Brainard Co.,	\$226.10
To paid Wm. R. Cowan, Convention Programs,	6.50
	\$232.60

BAPTIST SOCIAL UNION OF CONNECTICUT.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Social Union was held in the vestry of the First Baptist Church in Hartford, on Wednesday, October 2, 1885. President Wayland being absent, James L. Howard presided. There were eighteen members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read showing: Receipts—cash on hand Oct. 20, 1884, \$332.82; sale of tickets, \$40.00; fees, dues, and gifts, \$342.00 = 614.82. Expenses—Collation at Norwich, \$325.00; rent, etc., of Breed Hall, \$50.00; speakers, printing, postage, etc., \$31.80 = 426.80; cash on hand, \$188.02. Due from members and collectible, \$117.00. Present number of members, 91. George Marvin of Norwalk, and Edward J. Alling of New Haven, died during the year. The new members elected were: C. O. Spencer, George A. Fairfield, John Sloan of Hartford, D. H. Veader of New Haven, and Leonard Smith of Clinton.

President Wayland having declined further service, the following were nominated and elected: President, James B. Hoyt of Stamford; Vice-Presidents, F. S. Brown of Hartford, Ebenezer Morgan of Groton; Secretary and Treasurer, Frederick A. Betts of New Haven; Directors, James Lockwood, Hartford; Jabez Amsbury, Danbury; James L. Howard, Hartford; E. S. Wheeler, New Haven; James Spruce, Waterbury; E. V. Preston, Hartford; James Newcomb, New London; Marshall E. Morris, Bridgeport. The thanks of the Union were voted to those members who made up the deficiency of last year. It was also voted to form an Executive Committee to whom all matters relating to the welfare of the Union may be referred.

An adjournment was had to Central Hall where about two hundred and fifty sat down to one of Habenstein's royal spreads, satisfying all in every particular. James L. Howard presided. Rev. E. Lathrop, D.D., gave thanks, Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., extended the welcome, followed by Rev. O. C. Pope of Texas, Revs. P. A. Nordell, W. H. Butrick, T. S. Samson, B. W. Lockhart, Kittridge Wheeler, L. L. Potter, and Mr. Charles E. Willard. The music was furnished by the excellent Sunday-school choir of the First Baptist church, under the leadership of Chas. E. Willard.

FRED. A. BETTS, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

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STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES, 1884-1885.—CONTINUED.

CHURCHES.		CHURCHES AND ASSOCIATIONS.										MINISTERS, WITH DATE OF SETTLEMENT.										ADDED BY										REMOVED BY.										CONTRIBUTIONS FOR										Total.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																							
		Organized.		Total Members.		Baptism.		Experience.		Restoration.		Letter.		Death.		Excommunication.		Prisura.		Letter.		Home Expenses.		Minutes.		Education Society.		State Convention.		Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Widow's Fund.		Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.		Woman's Home Missionary Society.		Publication and Bible Society.		Other Objects.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
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SUMMARY, 1884-85.

ASSOCIATIONS.	CHURCHES.										HOME EXPENSES AND BENEVOLENCE.															
	ADDED BY					REMOVED BY					CONTRIBUTIONS FOR															
	Without Charge and Lic.	Number of Churches.	Baptism.	Restoration.	Letter.	Death.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Letter.	Total Membership.	Home Expenses.	Minutes.	Education Society.	State Convention.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Widows' Fund and Ministers' Home.	Woman's Home Mission Society.	Bible and Philan.	Woman's Foreign Mission Society.	Other Objects.	Total Benevolent.	Average per Member.	Total for all Objects.		
Stonington Union, New-Haven, New London, New Britain, New Britain Field County, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven,	13	8	17	74	2	0	29	64	9	9	84	3,427	\$14,927.03	\$52.20	0	2,683.92	\$180.98	\$70.50	\$4.00	\$160.02	\$31.62	\$108.83	\$420.25	\$1,464.92	\$.45	\$16,391.95
	15	4	17	32	8	0	27	80	0	6	37	2,242	8,033.22	33.00	880.10	145.11	350.75	285.17	156.15	86.10	236.96	806.29	1,618.44	72	10,551.66	
	16	15	34	276	12	13	61	77	18	14	50	4,151	36,042.56	60.75	124.11	467.68	440.97	450.59	115.09	399.58	187.00	332.10	972.09	3,408.96	84	29,511.81
	21	8	20	72	11	2	79	49	21	13	44	2,506	18,233.00	60.75	40.17	673.91	1,400.96	1,150.72	174.92	104.00	333.13	830.55	2,607.08	7,284.13	2.89	25,513.14
	24	2	25	107	10	9	63	60	16	51	111	3,961	32,533.69	63.50	174.13	529.32	740.92	714.11	90.50	508.84	295.47	804.34	1,419.81	5,217.14	1.84	37,750.83
	20	6	23	188	32	6	108	63	19	91	180	5,498		73.30	167.53	735.18	1,237.67	870.47	21.37	1,507.53	222.20	1,513.72	2,894.97	9,191.04	1.69	
Totals,	...	126	742	70	30	367	354	79	184	328	21,735	100,719.76	343.40	585.04	2,845.32	4,380.95	3,541.56	346.08	2,836.12	1,154.52	3,896.40	6,609.99	22,194.64	1.31		
Totals for 1877,	...	119	747	70	32	306	255	66	148	205	20,640	141,942.47	403.50	1,158.69	3,905.70	3,351.54	3,428.64	103.26	504.12	3,951.07	14,633.95	30,611.85	1.48	100,646.80		
Totals for 1878,	...	121	825	51	25	394	349	122	233	416	20,677	121,690.37	401.00	787.76	3,341.23	3,171.65	3,753.37	192.35	749.32	3,369.03	5,043.53	30,611.85	1.44	100,646.80		
Totals for 1879,	...	119	559	53	42	356	340	85	197	337	20,507	109,386.40	393.68	1,584.23	2,969.46	2,468.05	2,787.11	106.10	737.04	3,209.27	5,774.71	29,365.46	1.37	100,646.80		
Totals for 1880,	...	119	531	58	15	333	370	121	115	343	20,618	104,578.13	385.71	920.13	2,968.16	3,793.80	3,506.29	292.23	1,422.10	3,108.21	13,416.33	29,365.46	1.37	100,646.80		
Totals for 1881,	...	120	588	55	30	311	357	75	137	373	20,890	148,846.63	385.07	677.81	2,471.36	3,703.02	4,004.58	75.64	568.87	3,358.60	8,357.11	27,580.74	1.01	170,435.26		
Totals for 1882,	...	121	567	41	22	422	396	65	134	375	20,810	134,069.42	372.12	970.41	4,833.56	5,187.69	5,004.58	75.64	568.87	3,358.60	8,357.11	27,580.74	1.29	161,406.82		
Totals for 1883,	...	121	803	51	27	419	289	80	82	446	20,843	146,224.90	347.75	667.70	3,331.18	4,092.08	4,255.76	166.81	736.60	3,933.70	11,107.70	25,521.64	1.37	173,968.04		
Totals for 1884,	...	125	789	61	25	354	270	60	255	444	21,558	147,243.32	276.11	74.44	5,096.70	4,537.29	3,381.26	269.05	1,490.07	5,103.31	8,133.50	29,385.77	1.36	176,941.79		

HISTORIC RECORD.

The Connecticut Baptist Convention, originally styled "The General Convention of the Baptist Churches of the State of Connecticut and vicinity," was first organized in Hartford, in October, 1828. No Annual Sermon was provided for until the session of 1826.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	PREACHER.	TEXT.
1823	Hartford,	Asa Wilcox,	Augustus Bolles,		
1824	Middletown,	Asa Wilcox,	Albert Day,		
1825	Hartford,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Albert Day,		
1826	Wallingford,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Albert Day,	J. M. Peck,	
1827	Hartford,	Asahel Morse,	Albert Day,	Esek Brown,	
1828	Middletown,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Gurdon Robins,	B. M. Hill,	
1829	Hartford,	Rufus Babcock,	Gurdon Robins,	J. Cookson,	
1830	Mansfield,	Elisha Cushman,	Augustus Bolles,	P. Brackett,	Rom. 12: 14.
1831	Meriden,	Elisha Cushman,	Albert Day,	G. Phippin,	Isa. 60: 1.
1832	Middletown,	Elisha Cushman,	J. H. Linsley,	G. Robbins,	Psaln 138: 1.
1833	Lebanon,	Elisha Cushman,	H. Stanwood,	L. Kneeland,	2 Tim. 4: 5.
1834	Hartford,	J. H. Linsley,	S. S. Mallory,	N. Wildman,	Isa. 48: 21.
1835	Middletown,	J. Cookson,	William Palmer,	R. H. Neale,	Isa. 55: 1.
1836	Norwich,	J. Cookson,	R. Turnbull,	S. H. Cone,	Luke 7: 38.
1837	Hartford,	J. Cookson,	B. Cook,	J. Cookson,	Isa. 61: 11.
1838	New London,	J. Cookson,	H. Wooster,	B. Cook,	Jude 3.
1839	New Haven,	J. H. Linsley,	William Reid,	R. Turnbull,	2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.
1840	Essex,	George Reed,	J. S. Eaton,	F. Wightman,	Matt. 24: 14.
1841	Hartford,	D. Ives,	J. S. Eaton,	R. Babcock,	John 4: 35-38.
1842	Middletown,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	T. C. Teasdale,	
1843	Norwich,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	J. Dowling,	Eph. 3: 10.
1844	New Haven,	A. Parker,	E. Savage,	D. Ives,	2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.
1845	New London,	J. S. Swan,	E. Savage,	A. Parker,	Num. 14: 21.
1846	Hartford,	R. Turnbull,	E. Cushman,	A. G. Palmer,	Isa. 62: 1.
1847	Deep River,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	J. S. Swan,	Num. 14: 8.
1848	Suffield,	H. Miller,	E. Cushman,	E. Cushman,	1 John 5: 19.
1849	Bristol,	S. D. Phelps,	E. Cushman,	E. T. Hiscock,	Heb. 6: 10.
1850	Danbury,	R. T. Hiscock,	E. Cushman,	R. Turnbull,	Matt. 25: 40-45.
1851	Stonington,	J. S. Swan,	E. Cushman,	C. Willett,	Eph. 1: 3-6.
1852	New Haven,	William Reid,	E. Cushman,	R. Turnbull,	Luke 24: 24.
1853	Norwich,	J. N. Murdock,	E. Cushman,	S. D. Phelps,	Isa. 63: 3.
1854	Hartford,	L. Lewis,	E. Cushman,	H. Miller,	Matt. 10: 34-36.
1855	Meriden,	W. S. Clapp,	E. Cushman,	J. L. Hodge,	Gal. 2: 20.
1856	Middletown,	C. Willett,	E. Cushman,	W. Reid,	Acts 1: 8.
1857	New London,	F. Denison,	E. Cushman,	A. D. Denison,	Phil. 2: 15.
1858	Southington,	S. D. Phelps,	E. Cushman,	J. A. Bailey,	Psaln 130: 4.
1859	Hartford,	P. G. Wightman,	E. Cushman,	W. Fitz,	2 Cor. 4: 7.
1860	New Haven,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	J. P. Brown,	2 Cor. 4: 4.
1861	Norwich,	J. P. Brown,	E. Cushman,	D. H. Miller,	Isa. 42: 4.
1862	Stamford,	C. S. Weaver,	E. Cushman,	D. Ives,	1 Cor. 3: 6.
1863	Willimantic,	George Lovis,	E. Cushman,	C. B. Crane,	1 Cor. 1: 39.
1864	Essex,	S. Graves,	E. Cushman,	G. M. Stone,	John 21: 4-6.
1865	Danbury,	J. A. Bailey,	E. Cushman,	S. D. Phelps,	1 Tim. 3: 15.
1866	Hartford,	C. B. Crane,	E. Cushman,	I. H. Gilbert,	2 Cor. 9: 22.
1867	Mystic River,	A. C. Bronson,	E. Cushman,	R. Turnbull,	Rev. 5: 10.
1868	New Haven,	R. J. Adams,	E. Cushman,	E. Lathrop,	1 Peter 2: 5.
1869	Deep River,	A. P. Buell,	E. Cushman,	B. S. Morse,	Mark 1: 40-42.
1870	New Britain,	James L. Howard,	J. A. Bailey,	H. G. Mason,	Ecc. 9: 4.
1871	Norwalk,	James L. Howard,	J. A. Bailey,	G. L. Hunt,	1 Tim. 4: 1, 2.
1872	Waterbury,	James L. Howard,	J. A. Bailey,	A. G. Palmer,	Eph. 1: 18.
1873	New Haven,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. J. Sage,	1 Cor. 13: 8.
1874	Punam,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	C. E. Smith,	Prov. 4: 23.
1875	Hartford,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. C. Hubbard,	
1876	Suffield,	A. G. Palmer,	R. Turnbull,	A. C. Hubbard,	Zeck. 4: 6.
1877	Norwich,	E. Lathrop,	T. A. T. Hanna,	F. F. Emerson,	Neh. 9: 6, 17.
1878	Meriden,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. Davies,	Matt. 16: 3.
1879	Danbury,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	B. F. Bronson,	1 Cor. 11: 1.
1880	Bridgeport,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. M. Taylor,	1 Cor. 1: 21.
1881	New London,	W. S. Bronson,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. R. Stulbert,	Jonah 3: 3.
1882	Ansonia,	W. S. Bronson,	T. A. T. Hanna,	G. H. Miner,	1 Cor. 1: 24.
1883	New Haven,	W. S. Bronson,	T. A. T. Hanna,	M. H. Pogeon,	Acts 5: 20.
1884	Norwich,	W. S. Bronson,	Elizur Cook,	O. O. Sargent,	Luke 2: 22.
1885	Hartford,	W. S. Bronson,	Elizur Cook,	J. V. Garton,	Matt. 6: 10.
1886	Waterbury,				

THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONFERENCE OF BAPTIST MINISTERS IN CONNECTICUT.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, HARTFORD, Oct. 19, 1885.

In the absence of the Rev. Dr. A. G. Palmer, Dr. G. M. Stone of Hartford called the meeting to order.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Bestor.

Dr. Stone read a portion of Scripture.

Rev. G. H. Miner presented the request of Dr. Palmer, wishing to be relieved from the office of President, and nominated Dr. Stone, and he was unanimously elected President of the Conference.

The Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. O. C. Sargent, having removed from the State, Rev. G. H. Miner was chosen to fill the vacancy.

The following were elected as the "Board of Directors":

Rev. Dr. G. M. Stone,	Hartford Association.
Rev. Dr. A. C. Hubbard,	Fairfield Association.
Rev. Dr. A. G. Palmer,	Stonington Union Association.
Rev. T. S. Samson,	New Haven Association.
Rev. J. R. Stubbett,	Ashford Association.
Rev. P. A. Nordell,	New London Association.

Rev. L. L. Potter then read a paper for discussion. — Subject: — "*The History of the Canon of Scripture*," which was ably presented and fully discussed by the brethren.

The following were appointed to present a programme for the Conference next year:

Dr. A. C. Hubbard,
Rev. W. H. Butrick.

This committee to report at the evening session of the Conference.

The brethren then discussed the "Minister's Home at West Farms," N. Y., and after a free and full discussion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby formally endorse the Baptist Ministers' Home of West Farms, N. Y., and recommend that our churches contribute to its support."

Voted, To adjourn to 7.30 o'clock, to meet in the audience-room of the church to listen to a sermon by Rev. W. H. Butrick of New Haven.

The Conference met at 7.30 o'clock, and a good audience was present. After the opening exercises, conducted by the President and Rev. S. G. Hastings of Jewett City, the Committee on Programme for next meeting reported as follows:

1. That we meet at 2 o'clock on the day preceding the meeting of the Convention. That a paper be presented "On Inspiration: Its nature and scope," by Rev. I. F. Stidham of New Britain.

2. A paper be presented on "Modern Theories of the Future Life," by Rev. G. H. Miner of Mystic River.

3. A sermon be preached in the evening by Rev. W. V. Garner, D.D., of Bridgeport.

The report was adopted.

An excellent sermon was then preached by Brother Butrick. Text: John xvii, 3. — "This is eternal life to know thee the only true God."

Adjourned after prayer by Dr. Stone.

G. H. MINER, *Secretary*.

AN ABSTRACT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. The name of this Society shall be "The Conference of Baptist Ministers in Connecticut."

ART. II. Every ordained Baptist minister, resident in Connecticut, and a member of a Baptist Church in Connecticut, shall be a member of this Conference.

ART. III. The objects of this Conference shall be the union and usefulness of its members, and the relief of indigent and disabled Baptist ministers and their families.

ART. IV. The annual meeting of the Conference shall be held on the Monday preceding the State Convention, and at the same place.

ART. V. The Conference shall elect annually, by ballot, unless otherwise ordered, a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Director from each Association in the State.

N. B.—The Constitution and By-Laws in full are printed in the Convention Minutes of 1882.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known by the name of THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist indigent young men, who are called of God to preach the Gospel, in acquiring such mental discipline and culture as shall render them more useful in the kingdom of Christ.

ART. 3. The Society shall consist of such persons as pay into the treasury one dollar or more annually; also of delegates from churches and auxiliary societies, which shall be entitled to representation at the annual meeting as follows, viz.: Every church and auxiliary society contributing to the funds of the society five dollars annually shall be entitled to one delegate, and those contributing ten or more dollars, two delegates; the payment of fifteen dollars in advance shall constitute membership for life.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and five Trustees, to be chosen in any manner the Society may determine, annually.

ART. 5. The officers of this Society shall constitute an Executive Committee to manage the concerns of the Society during its recess, to control its funds; to examine and admit candidates for the benefit of the Society; and at every annual meeting of the Society they shall make a faithful report of their doings the preceding year.

ART. 6. The Secretary shall keep a record of the beneficiaries, and record the acts of the Society and of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Society, giving ample security for the same, and pay them out only to the order of the Secretary. His account shall always be open to the inspection of the Executive Committee.

ART. 7. The annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers and transaction of other necessary business shall be holden during the week and at the same place of each meeting of the Convention. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President, at the request of five members of the Executive Committee. The business of the Society

may be transacted at all regular meetings by a majority of the members present.

ART. 8. Every person admitted to the benefits of this Society must be a member of some regular Baptist Church. He must produce a letter from said church, certifying his good standing, and their commendation of him as one called of God to the ministry. He must satisfy the Executive Committee that he possesses gifts promising usefulness in the work; and he shall furthermore be recommended to the patronage of the Society by at least three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination.

ART. 9. The personal services of those who are appointed to manage the concerns of the Society shall be in all respects gratuitous.

ART. 10. No alteration shall be made in the foregoing Constitution at any time, except at an annual meeting of the Society, or at a special meeting duly warned for that purpose.

NOTICE.—All persons sending money to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society will please direct to G. F. DAVIS, Esq., Hartford.

All communications for the Board, or applications for assistance, should be addressed to the Secretary, Rev. C. A. PIDDOCK, Middletown.

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SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

HARTFORD, Oct. 21, 1885.

The Society was called to order at 10 A.M., by Vice-President J. L. Denison of Hartford. Prayer by Rev. O. T. Walker.

Rev. J. G. Ward of West Suffield, was appointed Recording Clerk.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The report of the executive committee, read by the secretary, the Rev. C. A. Piddock, is as follows:

During the year the society has assisted more young men in their preparation for the ministry than perhaps in any other year of the society's history. Eighteen students, four of them of foreign birth, have been under our care. The committee would advise the churches against the pernicious practice of inducing young men to leave their course of study incomplete and become ordained to the ministry. We need in this age, as never before, thoroughly educated ministers of the gospel. The great danger is that young men who have a fair command of language and are filled with zeal will rush thoughtlessly into the ministry with little or no intellectual preparation. The remedy for this evil lies largely with the churches and with ordaining councils. The great work of winning souls to Christ and training believers in the way of Christ calls for the very best qualities of mind and heart. In this active age, young men are apt to be impatient at the contemplation of a long course of classical and theological training and take a short cut, commonly called a partial course of study. The result in most of such cases cannot fail to be a source of harm to the young men themselves as well as to the churches they serve. Your committee therefore desire that young men shall, unless there be exceptional cases — take the full course of study. We believe that young men in entering upon the ministry should have a thorough knowledge of

the scriptures, a deep acquaintance with the whole system of revealed truth. They are "set for the defense of the gospel," and need all the aid that knowledge can give them in sustaining its divine claims and in illustrating its sacred truths. In this age none doubt the importance of a learned ministry but they who are themselves unlearned. Ignorant ministers will carry our churches into fatal error and prove a curse to multitudes rather than a blessing. In order that we may carry on our work for the coming year it will be necessary for the churches to increase their contributions. The committee refer to the highly prosperous condition of the Baptist institution at Suffield, and recommend it to all parents for their children. Although the society has had an existence for sixty-six years, its first beneficiary has but just died—Elder Jabez S. Swan.

The following are the names of the students who are being aided by this society:

Benjamin L. Herr,	Rochester Theological Seminary.
Fredrich Metzick,	" " "
J. O. Bergh,	Crozer Theological Seminary.
Mesid Mesropian,	" " "
O. P. Peterson,	Chicago Theological Seminary.
M. Larsen,	" " "
L. B. Curtis,	Hamilton Theological Seminary.
W. G. Fennell,	Madison University.
W. Ward West,	University of Rochester.
James A. Brown,	Newton Theological Institution.
A. E. Scoville,	" " "
E. W. Potter,	Rochester Theological Seminary.
W. V. Gray,	Amherst College.
H. M. Ives,	Colby Academy.
Antoine F. Keyes,	Mystic Valley Institute.
E. J. Bosworth,	Connecticut Literary Institution.
E. M. Gallup,	" " "
Hiram E. Smith,	" " "

W. G. Fennell has completed the course of study at Madison University, and enters the Hamilton Theological Seminary. He thanks the society for its assistance, and hopes to finish his course without further aid. E. J. Bosworth, after partially completing his course at Suffield, has been ordained at Montville. We commend all these young men to your prayers and benevolence.

C. A. PIDDOCK, *Secretary*.

Rev. O. T. Walker spoke briefly in favor of the report, and it was adopted.

The President announced the following committees:

Committee on Enrollment—Rev. D. Dewolf, Rev. E. J. Bosworth, Rev. J. B. Connell.

Committee on Nomination of Officers—Rev. W. H. Butrick, Rev. A. F. Perry, Rev. W. D. McKinney.

Committee to Nominate Trustees for the Connecticut Literary Institution—Hon. J. L. Howard, Rev. A. J. Chandler, Rev. E. S. Gardiner.

The Treasurer, G. F. Davis, Esq., then presented his report, which was accepted. It was as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GUSTAVUS F. DAVIS, *Treasurer*,

In account with CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

		DR.	
1884.			
Oct.	11.	Cash on hand, - - - - -	\$644.77
	14.	Annual members, - - - - -	38.00
		Tariffville Church, - - - - -	3.00
Dec.	29.	Income from investment, - - - - -	916.67
1885.			
Jan.	6.	Estate of Henry Clark, - - - - -	106.39
	15.	Plainville Church, - - - - -	5.00
April	23.	Wallingford Church, - - - - -	10.55
June	12.	Norwich Central Church, - - - - -	75.00
	24.	New Canaan Church, - - - - -	5.00
	29.	Main street, Meriden, Church, - - - - -	5.00
July	14.	Putnam Church, - - - - -	47.10
Aug.	12.	Hartford First Church, - - - - -	83.00
Sept.	3.	Eastford Church, - - - - -	5.00
		New London First Church, - - - - -	25.00
	8.	New London, Huntington street, Church, - - - - -	10.00
	28.	Tolland Church, - - - - -	1.50
Oct.	2.	Asylum Avenue Church, Hartford, - - - - -	34.83
	3.	North Colebrook Church, - - - - -	1.00
		South Colebrook Church, - - - - -	2.00
	14.	Plainville Church, - - - - -	4.00
	15.	Southington First Church, - - - - -	10.00
	17.	Brooklyn Church, - - - - -	2.00
			\$2,034.81
Oct.	17.	Cash on hand, - - - - -	437.61

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1884.					
Oct.	15.	Expenses, A. C. Osborn, D.D.,	-	-	10.00
		G. F. Davis, Treasurer,	-	-	10.00
Dec.	17.	First quarter appropriations order to			
		F. W. Goodspeed,	-	-	\$45.00
	31.	F. Matzick,	-	-	31.25
		J. O. Bergh,	-	-	31.25
		Benj. L. Herr,	-	-	31.25
		W. W. West,	-	-	31.25
		A. E. Scoville,	-	-	31.25
		W. G. Fennell,	-	-	31.25
		L. B. Curtis,	-	-	31.25
		E. J. Bosworth,	-	-	25.00
		Edward M. Gallup,	-	-	25.00
		Walter V. Gray,	-	-	25.00
		Hiram E. Smith,	-	-	25.00
1885.					
Jan.	20.	James A. Brown,	-	-	31.25 — 395.00
March	27.	C. A. Piddock, Secretary, Expenses,	-		6.85
April	2.	Second quarter,			
		James A. Brown,	-	-	31.25
		A. E. Scoville,	-	-	31.25
		Benj. L. Herr,	-	-	31.25
		F. Matzick,	-	-	31.25
		W. G. Fennell,	-	-	31.25
		L. B. Curtis,	-	-	31.25
		J. O. Berg,	-	-	31.25
		W. Ward West,	-	-	31.25
		E. M. Gallup,	-	-	25.00
		W. V. Gray,	-	-	25.00
		Hiram G. Smith,	-	-	25.00
		E. J. Bosworth,	-	-	25.00
		Harvey M. Ives,	-	-	25.00
		Mesid Mesropian,	-	-	31.25 — 406.25
		Printing Minutes,	-	-	30.00
June	18.	Third quarter,			
		J. O. Berg,	-	-	31.25
		M. Mesropian,	-	-	31.25
	20.	L. B. Curtis,	-	-	31.25
July	2.	E. W. Potter,	-	-	31.25
		Benj. L. Herr,	-	-	31.25
		W. Ward West,	-	-	31.25
		E. M. Gallup,	-	-	25.00

July	2.	W. V. Gray,	-	-	-	-	\$25.00
		H. M. Ives,	-	-	-	-	25.00
		Jas. A. Brown,	-	-	-	-	31.25
		A. E. Scoville,	-	-	-	-	31.25—325.00
Oct.	1.	Fourth quarter.					
		B. L. Herr,	-	-	-	-	31.25
		W. Ward West,	-	-	-	-	31.25
		Jas. A. Brown,	-	-	-	-	31.25
		A. E. Scoville,	-	-	-	-	31.25
		Edward W. Potter,	-	-	-	-	31.25
		Walter V. Gray,	-	-	-	-	31.25
		E. M. Gallup,	-	-	-	-	25.00
		Hiram E. Smith,	-	-	-	-	25.00
		H. M. Ives,	-	-	-	-	25.00
		John O. Berg,	-	-	-	-	31.25
		J. K. Bucklyn, for A. F. Keys,	-	-	-	-	50.00
		M. Mesropian,	-	-	-	-	31.25
		L. B. Curtis,	-	-	-	-	31.25
		C. A. Piddock,	-	-	-	-	7.85—414.10
		Balance,	-	-	-	-	487.61
							<u>\$2,034.81</u>

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account, and compared it with the vouchers for payments, and find the same correct.

THOMAS SISSON, *Auditor.*

HARTFORD, Oct. 17, 1885.

Revs. I. R. Wheelock, P. A. Nordell, and W. V. Garner then delivered very interesting addresses; brother Wheelock speaking on the Scarcity of Ministerial Students; brother Nordell on the Social Church as a Ministerial Education Society; and brother Garner on Our Educational Interests. These addresses made a deep impression and the wish was expressed by many that they should be printed in the *Secretary*.

The Committee on Enrollment reported forty-five annual members. Report accepted.

The Committee on Trustees for Connecticut Literary Institution, reported the following list for three years, and they were elected:

Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Hartford; Rev. G. H. Miner, Mystic; Rev. L. L. Potter, Hartford; H. P. Kent, Esq., Suffield; M. T. Newton, M.D., Suffield; Rev. P. A. Nordell, New London; Rev.

W. H. Butrick, New Haven; Rev. W. V. Garner, D.D., Bridgeport; Hon. V. B. Chamberlain, New Britain; Rev. B. W. Lockhart, Suffield; Hon. S. A. York, New Haven.

The election of officers resulted in the choice of M. E. Morris, Bridgeport, President; J. L. Denison, Hartford, first Vice-President; P. A. Nordell, New London, second Vice-President; C. A. Piddock, Middletown, Secretary; G. F. Davis, Hartford, Treasurer; Thomas Sisson, Auditor. The Executive Committee, Dr. G. M. Stone and J. W. Lamb, Hartford; Professor M. H. Smith, Suffield; D. Dewolf, Bristol; E. P. Bond, Wethersfield.

The Society, after prayer and the benediction, adjourned.

M. E. MORRIS, *President*.

C. A. PIDDOCK, *Secretary*.

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 Gregory, Rev. A.
 Gridley, Joel A.
 Griffing, Richard
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 Hart, Daniel H.
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 Hawley, Benjamin F.
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 Hiscox, Rev. E. T.
 Holbrook, Rev. C. F.
 Hopper, Rev. A. M.
 Howard, James L.
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 Jennings, Rev. Russell
 Jerome, Rev. E. M.
 Johnson, Rev. Cyrus A.
 Kelley, J. V. D.
 Kent, Henry P.
 Keys, William
 Lathrop, Rev. Edward
 Lockwood, James
 Ludlow, Elizabeth
 Ludlow, Mary
 Lyon, Rev. D. D.
 Marvin, George
 Mason, Rev. A. F.
 McCarty, Rev. William
 McWhinnie, James
 Merriam, J. B.
 Miller, Rev. D. Henry
 Miller, Mrs. Martha
 Miller, Edward
 Miller, Benjamin L.
 Mills, Rev. R. C.
 Miner, Rev. N. W.
 Mintie, James
 Mitchell, Julius R.
 Montgomery, William
 Morgan, Capt. E.
 Morris, D. E.
 Morse, Rev. J. B.
 Morse, Rev. B. S.
 Morse, H. J.
 Mosely, E. W.
 Moulthrop, Deacon Major
 Munyan, Chester G.
 Murdoch, Rev. J. N.
 Muzzy, Rev. Lawson
 Neale, Roswell A.
 Neale, Stephen Douglass
 Newell, E. Z.
 Newcomb, James
 Nicholson, Rev. George W.
 Ostrander, Allen
 Ostrander, Mrs. Sarah J.
 Palmer, Rev. A. G.
 Parker, S. A.
 Pattison, Rev. W. P.

Pattison, Rev. T. Harwood
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 Pendleton, Rev. G. W.
 Perkins, William
 Perkins, R. B.
 Phelps, Rev. S. D.
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 Phelps, Dryden W.
 Phelps, Arthur S.
 Phelps, William L.
 Pickett, Deacon William
 Plant, William
 Plant, Alfred
 Potter, W. H.
 Post, Julius P.
 Pratt, Horace H.
 Preston, S. T.
 Prowitt, Charles S.
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 Prior, George
 Ray, Rev. C. W.
 Reid, Rev. William
 Reid, Mrs. William
 Robins, Rev. Henry E.
 Robbins, William H.
 Robinson, Silas
 Robinson, S. A.
 Robinson, Elizabeth
 Rogers, Calvin B.
 Sage, Rev. A. Judson
 Saunders, H. H.

Setchell, Charles F.
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 Spencer, Carnot O.
 Spencer, Deacon J.
 Starkweather, Mrs. H. E.
 Stevens, Deacon Gilbert
 Stevens, W. B.
 Stevens, Dr. B. H.
 Steward, Mrs. Matilda
 Stockbridge, Rev. J.
 Stone, Rev. J. R.
 Strickland, James L.
 Sullivan, W. H.
 Swan, Rev. J. S.
 Taylor, A. E.
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 Teff, Rev. A. B.
 Terrell, Edward
 Thompson, A. M.
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Towne, Rev. E. S.
 Tuller, G. W.
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 Turner, Mrs. Peter C.
 Twiss, Waldo
 Vann, Samuel A.
 Wakeman, Rev. L. H.
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 Weaver, Rev. C. S.
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Signed by order and in behalf of the _____ Baptist Church in
 Clerk, _____ Pastor, _____

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ASSOCIATIONS.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.

GROTON, June 17, 1885.

The Association met with Groton Bank Church. Called to order by Rev. F. H. Cooper, Acting Clerk. Annual Sermon by Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D., from Rev. xii, 10. Collection for Widows' Fund, \$5.39. Revs. E. Dewhurst and D. C. Easton assisted in devotional services. Revs. D. C. Easton and S. G. Hastings appointed Tellers. The officers elected were: Rev. A. G. Palmer, D.D., Moderator; Rev. E. Dewhurst, Clerk; Rev. D. C. Easton, Assistant Clerk. Rules of order read by Moderator. Committee of Arrangements, Revs. Geo. R. Darrow and D. C. Easton, and Dea. Robert A. Gray. Report of Treasurer of Widows' Fund read and accepted. Report of the Treasurer read and accepted. A large number of visitors accepted the invitation to sit with the Association. Letter from Groton Bank Church read. Adjourned to 2 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. Prayer by Rev. J. Whitehurst. The Moderator announced the following committees: Benevolence, Revs. J. F. Temple, A. E. Goff, and Bro. S. S. Lamb; Resolutions, Revs. G. H. Miner, J. P. Brown, S. G. Hastings; Next Anniversary, Rev. A. E. Goff, Dea. Robert Palmer, Rev. N. T. Allen; Obituaries, Dea. W. H. Potter, Revs. W. A. Smith, D. F. Chapman. Reading of Letters. At 3 o'clock sermon by Rev. F. H. Cooper, from Acts x, 83. Rev. C. E. Beeker spoke in behalf of Benedict Institute. The Clerk was instructed to inquire if anything is due the State Convention for the Minutes of the Convention, and if so, to pay the bill. Rev. G. H. Miner presented the claims of the State Convention. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain the number of Consolidated Minutes the churches will take and pay for. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING. Prayer-meeting at 7.30. At 8 o'clock sermon by Rev. Geo. H. Miner, from Mark vi, 38. Miss E. F. Adams of Louisville, Ky., presented the claims of the Women's Home Mission. Adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING. The Moderator, receiving news of the death of his brother, requested Rev. G. H. Miner to act. Convened at 9 o'clock. Standing Resolutions re-adopted, with a resolution of thanks to Groton Bank Church for hospitality, and with reference to Ministers' Home. Committee on Benevolence reported, urging the pastors to present the claims of the various missionary interests, and the importance of systematic giving. Committee on Next Anniversary recommended Second North Stonington Church as the place, Rev. G. H. Miner, Preacher, Rev. S. G. Hastings, Alternate. Rev. J. B. Hartwell of San Francisco spoke with reference to Chinese Missions on the Pacific coast. Trustees of Widows' Fund re-elected. Collection for Ministers' Home, \$12.29. Resolution passed requesting an annual collection for the Home. Sermon by Rev. S. G. Hastings from John vii, 17. Adjourned for dinner.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON. List of Delegates read. Committee on Obituaries reported fifty-seven deaths. Obituary of Rev. J. S. Swan, prepared

by Rev. J. P. Brown. Conference meeting until 4 o'clock, when the Association adjourned, to meet with Second North Stonington, June 16, 1886.

A. G. PALMER, D.D., *Moderator*.

E. DEWHURST, *Clerk*.

D. C. EASTON, *Asst. Clerk*.

The Women's Missionary Society met in the Congregational Church on Wednesday at 4 o'clock. Reading Scriptures by Mrs. Whiting, and prayer by Mrs. A. G. Palmer. Mrs. Elwell of Burmah was introduced, and gave an interesting description of her work, and spoke of the need of more workers for the foreign field.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society also held a meeting in the Congregational Church on Thursday morning, Mrs. J. D. Herr presiding. Mrs. J. F. Temple gave a report of the work done by the circles of the Association. Miss E. Adams of Louisville, Ky., addressed the ladies on her work in the school for young colored women.

SIXTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASHFORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

PUTNAM, WEDNESDAY, Sept. 2, 1885.

The sixty-first annual meeting was called to order by Rev. G. W. Holman, Clerk in 1884, at 10 o'clock, in the Baptist Church. Sermon by Rev. W. B. Smith, from Isa. lii, 1. Collection for Widows' Fund, \$7.46. Constitution read. Officers chosen: for Moderator, Rev. W. B. Smith; for Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. F. L. Knapp; for Assistant Clerk, Rev. Wm. Gussman. Visiting brethren invited to participate. Committee of Arrangements reported a program, which was adopted. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The Moderator announced the following committee: On Place and Preacher, Rev. G. W. Holman, J. W. Manning, Geo. P. Fields; Arrangements for Next Year, Revs. F. L. Knapp, A. H. Fuller, I. G. Tefft; Temperance, Revs. L. S. Brown, S. Thatcher, John Burley; Obituaries, Revs. F. L. Batchelder, N. J. Pinkham, W. C. Walker; Benevolence, Revs. A. A. Robinson, G. W. Searle, Wm. Gussman; State of the Churches, Revs. F. L. Knapp, J. R. Stubbett, P. Mathewson. Reading of the Letters. Resolutions presented on the death of Rev. Chas. Willett. Report of Treasurer of Widows' Fund showing \$127.32 in the treasury. The Trustees and Treasurer were re-appointed. The Committee on Place and Preacher reported Rev. F. L. Knapp, Preacher, Rev. A. B. Tefft, Alternate, and the place referred to a committee. The Clerk was instructed to pay to Treasurer of Convention all money remaining after paying for printing and distribution of Minutes. Resolution in behalf of Ministers' Home unanimously passed. Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION. Foreign Missionary sermon preached by Rev. A. G. Lawson, D.D.

THURSDAY MORNING. After a prayer-meeting led by Rev. W. C. Walker, the Association resumed business at 10 o'clock. Resolutions passed commendatory of school at Atlanta, Ga. Committee on Benevolence reported through Rev. A. A. Robinson. Committee on State of Religion report only thirty-two baptisms. The Committee on Obituaries report thirty-nine deaths from fourteen churches; three churches report no deaths. Committee on Temperance, through Rev. L. S. Brown, report in favor of more earnest endeavor for the suppression of intemperance. Sermon by Rev. J. J. Miller, D.D., of Worcester, Mass., and remarks on the work of the State Convention. Adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON. Association met at 1 o'clock. Question of changing time of meeting was considered and laid on the table. Resolution of thanks to Putnam Church for hospitality, and Rev. J. J. Miller for his sermon, was passed. List of delegates read and revised, and after closing remarks by the Moderator, adjourned to meet on first Wednesday in September, 1886.

W. B. SMITH, *Moderator*.

F. L. KNAPP, *Clerk*.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was held at 1.30 P.M. Wednesday, there having been present about one hundred and fifty ladies. The Secretary reported much interest and considerable advancement. A paper was read by Miss Lena Carpenter of Putnam, on the "Light of the World," and addresses by Mrs. S. M. Whiting and Mrs. Dr. Cushing of Burmah.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society was called to order at 6.30 P.M., by Mrs. Preston, Associate Director. The annual report was read, and instructive addresses made by Miss S. B. Packard of Spellman Seminary, Ga., and Miss Giles. After the addresses a collection was taken for the Seminary.

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW LONDON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

GREENEVILLE, Sept. 16, 1885.

This Association was called to order on Wednesday at 10 A.M., by Rev. J. D. Herr, D.D., Moderator. Prayer by Rev. J. R. Stubbart of Putnam. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. P. A. Nordell, from Rom. viii. 2. The Rev. G. F. Genung was made temporary clerk. Collection for Baptist Ministers' Home, \$9.05. The election of officers resulted as follows: Moderator, Rev. J. D. Herr, D.D.; Clerk and Treasurer, Rev. George F. Genung. Rules of Order read by the Moderator. The Committee of Arrangements were Rev. N. T. Allen, Dea. Otis, Dea. Lester. Visiting brethren invited. The letter of the Greeneville Church, welcoming the Association, was read. T. W. Potter was chosen Assistant Clerk. Reading the letters from the churches. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION. At 1.40 P.M. the Association was again called to order. The Moderator announced as committees: On Resolutions, Rev. P. A. Nordell, Rev. Silas Weaver, J. S. Brooks; on Obituaries, Revs. G. L. Putnam, A. Darrow, J. B. Connell; on Next Anniversary, Rev. L. M. Purinton, C. S. Jewett, R. W. Cowan; on State of the Churches, Revs. John Naylor, E. J. Bosworth, W. H. Burlew. Reading of letters resumed. The name of the Second Baptist Church of New London was stricken from the list of churches, and that at Baltic retained. Further report of the Committee of Arrangements. Prayer was made for Rev. E. S. Holloway who was sick. Missionary Sermon preached by Rev. G. L. Putnam, from Acts i, 8. Dr. McKenzie of Boston spoke on Foreign Missions. Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION. 7.35 o'clock. Rev. P. A. Nordell presided. Scriptures read by Rev. L. B. Plumer of York, Pa. Sermon by Rev. G. F. Genung, from Luke xxii, 46. Rev. C. E. Becker spoke in behalf of Benedict Institute of South Carolina.

THURSDAY MORNING. Called to order at 9 o'clock. The Minutes and Roll of Delegates read and corrected. Report of Treasurer read and accepted. Rev. H. P. Smith spoke for the Literary Institute at Suffield, and Rev. S. D. Phelps, D.D., for the *Christian Secretary*. Committee on Obituaries reported seventy-five deaths in the churches, making special

mention of the death of Rev. Jabez S. Swan. The Committee on Next Anniversary reported that the next annual meeting be held with the First Church, East Lyme, Sermon by Rev. L. M. Purinton, Rev. E. S. Holloway as Alternate. Missionary Sermon by Rev. G. F. Genung, Alternate Rev. J. B. Connell. Rev. P. A. Nordell presented the Baptist Ministers' Home in New York. The Committee on Resolutions recommended that the churches aid the Greenville Church by special collections. Collection for that church taken amounting to \$35.55. Resolutions were passed, recommending an annual collection for Ministers' Home, and that churches correspond with non-resident members. Rev. L. G. Barrett of Shaw University, N. C., presented the cause of the Home Mission Society. The Committee on State of the Churches reported twenty-three churches, — sixteen with pastors and seven without; two hundred and seventy-six baptisms; total membership 4,052; benevolence, \$3,468.96, eighteen churches contributing. Rev. H. P. Smith preached from Ps. cxxvi, 6. Resolution of thanks and a further contribution of \$5.84 to Greenville Church. After the doxology, and benediction by the Moderator, the Association adjourned until the third Wednesday in September, 1886.

JOSEPH D. HERR, *Moderator*.

GEORGE F. GENUNG, *Clerk*.

A Women's Home Missionary meeting was held in the chapel of the Congregational Church Thursday morning at 9.30. Mrs. A. T. Otis presided in the necessary absence of Mrs. Dr. Herr. She gave an encouraging report of increased interest in the churches in Home Mission work.

At 10.30 o'clock a separate meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions was held in the same place under the direction of Mrs. Whiting, and a pleasant and profitable hour was spent.

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

STAMFORD, Sept. 23, 1885.

At 11 A.M. the Moderator, Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., called the Association to order. Sermon by Rev. Charles Colman from I Kings, xviii, 30-32. Collection for Baptist Ministers' Home, \$11.50. The election of officers resulted as follows: Moderator, Rev. John Warren; Clerk, H. M. Prowitt; Treasurer, J. L. Ambler. Rev. S. G. Silliman was named as Assistant Clerk. Committee of Arrangements reported. Visiting brethren invited to sit with them. The Moderator read the Rules of Order. Adjourned.

2 P. M. After singing and a prayer the letter from Stamford church was read, and the other letters in order. The discussion of the topic assigned last year—The best method of reaching the non-church-going elements of our community—opened by Rev. S. G. Silliman, followed by others. The Moderator announced the following committees: On Benevolence, Rev. W. V. Garner, Rev. S. G. Silliman, Rev. G. H. Kemp, J. L. Gilbert; on Sunday-schools, J. W. Scott, J. G. Snelling, Rev. A. J. Cotney; on Next Anniversary, Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D.D., W. S. Wilson, C. G. Powelson; on Topic for next year, Rev. C. Colman, Rev. E. M. Ogden, Rev. C. W. Potter; on New Churches, John Scott, Jesse Hopson; auditors, B. Curtiss, Rev. W. R. Terry. Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION, 7.30 P. M. Anthem by the choir. Reading Scriptures by Dr. Lathrop. Rev. N. W. Miner presented the claims of the Baptist Ministers' Home Society. Rev. A. F. Mason, D.D., presented the Home Mission Society. Adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING. The Association resumed business at 10 o'clock. The roll of delegates and the statistics were read and corrected. Treasurer's report read and accepted. The Committee on Benevolence recommend the members to familiarize themselves with the work of the societies, that there may be increased liberality. The Committee on Sunday-schools reported, deploring the tendency of Sunday-school scholars to absent themselves from the preaching service and recommending means to prevent it. A resolution instructing the Treasurer to pay moneys to the Baptist Ministers' Home was passed. The Committee on Topic for next year reported "The prayer-meeting with special reference to the work of the leader." Committee of Arrangements for 1886, Rev. Dr. Garner, Rev. C. Colman, Dea. M. E. Morris. The Clerk was appointed as Corresponding Secretary. Thanks were voted to the Stamford church for hospitality. The remainder of the session was given to remarks on the state of religion, contrasts between the past and the present, the early history of the Stamford church, etc. The minutes were read and approved, and the Association adjourned to meet with the First Baptist church in Bridgeport, the fourth Wednesday in September, 1886.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was held in the lecture-room at 2 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Whiting, State Secretary, presiding. Reports from the circles of five churches were read, and special prayer offered for the missionaries just sailing for their fields of labor. Mrs. Cushing of Burmah, gave a short address. Contributions during the year \$739.07. Collection taken of \$6.58.

Mrs. J. B. HOYT, *Associational Secretary.*

NINETY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HARTFORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

SUFFIELD, CONN., Oct. 14, 1885.

The Association was called to order in the First Baptist church in Suffield, on Wednesday, by the Moderator, Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D.D. Annual sermon by Rev. H. P. Smith from I Cor. v, 13. Collection for Ministers' Widows' Fund, \$3.52. Officers chosen: Moderator, Rev. S. D. Phelps, D.D.; Clerk, Rev. D. Dewolf; Assistant Clerk, Rev. J. G. Ward; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. E. P. Bond; Treasurer, J. W. Dimock. Rules of Order read. The usual invitation to visitors was extended. Treasurer's report read, showing receipts of \$203.99. Letters from the churches read. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. At 2 o'clock the business was resumed. Committees were announced as follows: Place and Preacher, Rev. E. C. Miller, Rev. J. Burnett, E. G. Hastings; Arrangements for next year, Rev. H. P. Smith, Rev. L. L. Potter, J. W. Lamb; State of the Churches, Rev. Dr. Stone, Rev. B. W. Lockhart, Rev. A. M. Harrison; Obituaries, Rev. E. P. Bond, Rev. H. G. Smith, Prof. M. H. Smith. Appropriations from Ministers' Fund of \$150.00 to Rev. F. Bestor and Miss H. G. Atwell. Rev. C. A. Piddock presented the claims of the Education Society for assistance. Advisory committee for Union church re-appointed. Rev. A. P. Mason, Secretary of the Home Mission Society, spoke of its work in the Western States. Rev. N. W. Miner told of the needs of the Baptist Ministers' Home in New York. Rev. E. W. Clark of the Assam Mission presented the Missionary Union. Miss Ella Bond, daughter of Rev. E. P. Bond, under appointment of the M. U. Board, addressed the Association. The Committee on Ministers' Home, appointed last year, reported the

Widows' Fund was held in trust and could not be used for other purposes, but recommended contributions for the Ministers' Home. \$3.00 per week voted for support of Rev. A. S. Lovell. Committee on Place and Preacher reported in favor of holding its meeting next year with Memorial Church in Hartford, Rev. B. W. Lockhart, Preacher, Rev. I. F. Stidham, Alternate, Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING. At 7 o'clock, after a half-hour praise service, the Moderator took the chair. Mrs. Gray of Boston spoke in behalf of the Womans' Home Mission work. Rev. L. L. Potter preached from Col. i, 19. Adjourned.

THURSDAY FORENOON. At 9.30 o'clock called to order. List of delegates read and corrected. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to bind the Minutes of the Association. The Committee on Obituaries reported sixty as having died. The Committee on State of Religion reported one hundred and one baptisms in eleven churches. The West Hartford and Union churches were spoken of as needing help. The Advisory Committee for Union church was named as Revs. H. P. Smith, L. L. Potter, Dr. G. M. Stone, Kittridge Wheeler. The Committee on Evangelistic Work reported, and Revs. L. L. Potter, E. P. Bond, and H. G. Smith were appointed as the committee. Rev. E. C. Miller, J. G. Ward, and F. W. Cross were appointed a Committee on Resolutions. Rev. Samuel H. Etienne spoke of the work among the Canadian French, and a collection was taken for him amounting to \$9 76. The Committee on Resolutions reported thanks for hospitality to delegates and all assisting. Adjourned.

D. DEWOLF, *Clerk.*

S. D. PHELPS, D.D., *Moderator.*

SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW HAVEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Essex, Oct. 7, 1885.

The Sixtieth Anniversary was held with the Baptist Church in Essex on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 7th and 8th. At 10.25 A.M. the delegates were called to order by Rev. A. E. Reynolds as Moderator. The Committee of Arrangements reported. A committee on Nomination of Officers was appointed. The Treasurer's report was read, showing a balance on hand of \$9.33, and also of the Widow's Fund with a balance of \$1,291.81. Officers elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. W. H. Butrick; Clerk, Charles P. Ives; Assistant Clerk, Geo. E. Robertson; Treasurer, S. H. Jennings. Visiting brethren invited to participate. Letters from the churches read. The Moderator appointed Rev. E. S. Gardiner, Rev. A. J. Hughes, and G. I. Mix as Committee on Credentials. Rev. A. E. Reynolds preached the Annual Sermon from II Tim. iii, 16, 17. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. Reading of the letters continued. The Committee on State of Religion report returns from eighteen churches, one hundred and fifty-two baptisms, with most of the churches in a good condition, Waterbury church reporting seventy-two baptisms. The report was printed in full. The Committee on the Widows' Fund reported that no change be made in the disposition of that fund. Rev. Dr. N. W. Miner presented the Baptist Ministers' Home. Rev. Dr. Phelps spoke for the *Christian Secretary*. Rev. I. R. Wheelock preached from Rom. viii, 21. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING. At 7 o'clock a prayer and praise-meeting, led by Rev. W. D. McKinney. The annual missionary sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Moehlmann from Matt. xxxi, 28. Collection for Domestic Missions, \$7.89. Adjourned.

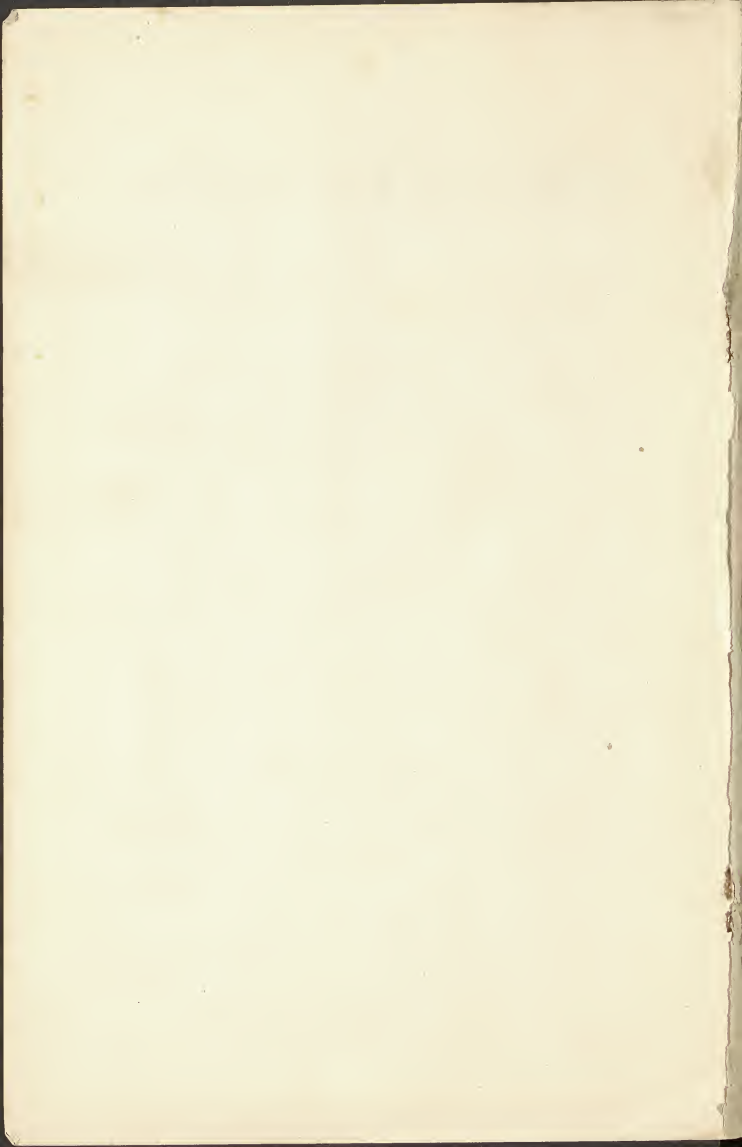
THURSDAY FORENOON. Report of Committee on Credentials, showing sixty-eight delegates from twenty churches. The Committee on Place

and Preacher recommended for next year Main Street church, Meriden, as the place, Rev. A. F. Perry, Preacher, Rev. W. H. Butrick, Alternate; missionary sermon, Rev. Geo. E. Nichols Preacher, Rev. T. S. Samson Alternate. The report of the Committee on Obituaries mentioned sixty-five deaths. The Committee on Benevolent Contributions report \$9,482.91 as contributed from the twenty-three churches. [A similar report ought to be made in all the Associations. — Sec.] The Trustees of the Widows' Fund were reelected. Standing Committee for next year are as follows: State of Religion in the Churches, Rev. W. D. McKinney, Rev. E. S. Gardiner, Dea. McWhinney; Benevolent Contributions, Rev. I. R. Wheelock, Rev. A. F. Perry, Benj. Gladwin; Obituaries, Rev. J. W. Richardson, Rev. G. H. Lester, C. Spencer; Executive Committee and Committee of Arrangements, the officers of the Association, and Rev. I. R. Wheelock, Rev. J. V. Garton, Rev. W. B. Vassar. Rev. C. A. Piddock spoke of the needs of the Education Society and of the work of the State Convention. Rev. A. F. Perry followed in behalf of the Am. Baptist Home Missionary Society. A resolution of thanks to the Essex church was passed. Rev. S. D. Phelps, D.D., preached a sermon from Matt. xiii, 31, 32. After remarks by the Moderator the Association adjourned to meet with the Main Street Church in Meriden on the first Wednesday in October, 1886.

W. H. BUTRICK, *Moderator*.

CHAS. P. IVES,
GEO. E. ROBERTSON, } *Clerks*.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was held in the vestry of the Essex Baptist Church on Wednesday, Oct. 7th, with Mrs. S. R. Smith in the chair. The sum contributed by this Society the past year was \$1,456. The support of Miss Eva L. Rolman was assumed by this Society, and she will soon sail for Yokohama, Japan. A contingent fund of \$300 has been raised and set apart. Mrs. J. W. Cushing of Burmah, was listened to with evident pleasure when she spoke of her work as a missionary during twenty years. A vote of thanks was passed and the meeting adjourned.



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Sept. 2d,	Wednesday,	FALL TERM BEGINS.
Dec. 22d,	Tuesday,	" " ENDS.

Vacation two weeks.

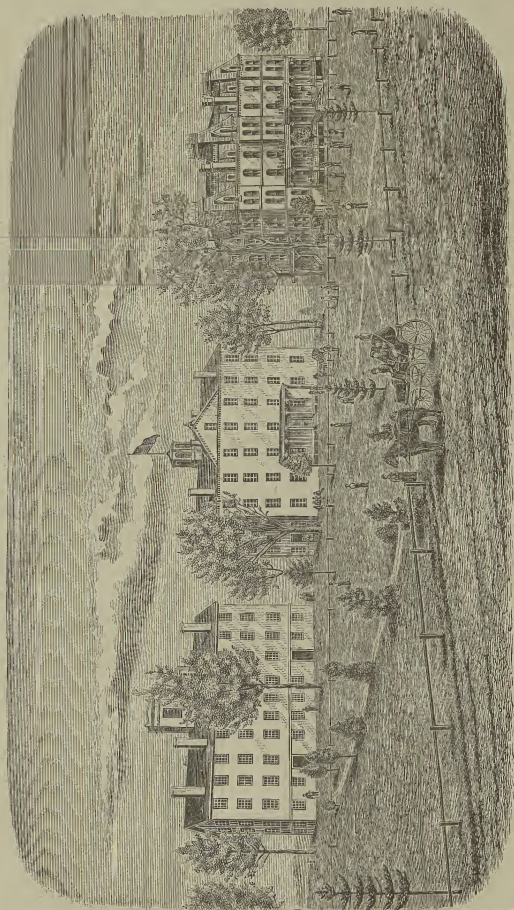
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Jan. 6th,	Wednesday,	WINTER TERM BEGINS.
March 23d,	Tuesday,	" " ENDS.

Vacation two weeks.

April 7th,	Wednesday,	SPRING TERM BEGINS.
June 20th, 21st, 22d,		ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES.
June 23d,	Wednesday,	COMMENCEMENT.

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